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212 West Monroe
Chicago 6, Illinois
June 5, 1958

Patrick J. Deeley
Chief of Detectives
Chicago Police Department
1121 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Chief Deeley:

It would be appreciated if you would make available to this office a photograph of Nick Visco, No. E 29925 and No. C 17102. In replying, please refer to your file number 92-345.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. D. AUERBACH
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	CHICAGO	6/4/58	2/28;3/13;4/21, 23,25,30;5/12,14,15,22/58

TITLE OF CASE

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was.

Report made by: SAA [redacted] Typed By: axm

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

Subscribers to telephone numbers Port Jefferson 8-0721 and Westhampton 4-2398 identified as Teddy's Hotel and Restaurant, Port Jefferson, NY, and [redacted] Westhampton Beach, NY, respectively. No information identifying "ANN" learned at Teddy's Hotel and Restaurant and [redacted] not interviewed to date. The yacht of one [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] Company, jukebox manufacturers, reportedly bearing the name "Chicago" on its stern seen anchored in Port Jefferson Harbor during Summer, 1957. [redacted] reportedly [redacted] television star ARTHUR GODFREY, married, no children, and reportedly acquainted with [redacted] Securities account number XN9235 of EDWARD B. VOGEL and [redacted] with H. Hentz and Company, NY, NY, shows purchase of 100 shares of AT&T common stock at $173 per share on 9/19/56, which purchase plus brokers commission was completed by personal check drawn on First Commercial Bank,

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SYNOPSIS (cont'd)

Chicago, in amount of $17,350. VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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DETAILS: On April 23, 1958, SA [redacted] determined from [redacted] New York Telephone Company, the identities of the subscribers to the following telephone numbers:

Port Jefferson 8-0721
Westhampton 4-2398.

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It is noted that Westhampton does not have merely four digit telephone numbers, but has a prefix number, 4, in addition to the usual four digit number.

Port Jefferson 8-0721 is a public telephone at Teddy's Hotel and Restaurant, 103 Main Street, Port Jefferson, New York.

Westhampton 4-2393 is subscribed to by one [redacted], Westhampton Beach, New York, a private house.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES M. CURRY at Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York:

On April 30, 1958, T-1 advised that [redacted] Westhampton Beach, had no forwarding address and that during the past year [redacted] had not been the recipient of any correspondence.

Chief of Police STANLEY TELLER, Westhampton Beach Village Police Department, related on the same date that

[redacted] is a summer resident who maintains a home on [redacted] TELLER advised that [redacted] is not known to him personally and that he was seeking additional background information regarding [redacted]

On May 12, 1953, Chief TELLER related that he had learned that [redacted] ARTHUR GODFREY, that [redacted] is married with no children, and enjoys an excellent reputation in the neighborhood where his summer home is located. TELLER stated that [redacted] automobile is of an unknown foreign manufacture and bears a British license tag, according to TELLER. TELLER continued by stating that he had learned that [redacted] is reported to have spent a one-week vacation at the [redacted] residence during the summer of 1957.

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At Port Jefferson, Long Island, New York

On May 14, 1953, T-2 advised that a register of guests is not maintained at Teddy's Hotel and Restaurant, 103 Main Street, Port Jefferson, New York. The only record maintained is on 3X5 index cards filed alphabetically. T-2 stated these cards are quite numerous. Informant stated that she had no information concerning the identity of anyone named "ANN" who may have been a guest during July, 1957.

T-2 recalled that a large yacht, name unrecalled, had been anchored in Port Jefferson Harbor for about two days during the summer of 1957, which yacht bore the name of "Chicago" on its stern. The yacht was reportedly owned by one [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, who is the [redacted] Company, large manufacturer of jukeboxes.

T-2 stated that on two or three occasions while the yacht was in the harbor, [redacted] and an unidentified attractive young woman, who reportedly was described as [redacted] dined at Teddy's Hotel. T-2 stated that [redacted] is reported to have [redacted] residing in the "Hamptons" on Long Island, of which there are three, namely

Easthampton, Westhampton, and Southhampton. T-2 could not recall that either [redacted] or his lady companion had made any telephone calls while at the hotel and that they were not overnight guests there.

T-2 recalled that in the winter of 1957-1958, she read a newspaper item which related the marriage of [redacted] in Florida and T-2 assumed that he had married the woman who had accompanied him to Port Jefferson, Long Island.

At Southhampton, Long Island, New York

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On May 14, 1958, [redacted] Tax Receiver, Southhampton, Long Island, Town Hall, stated that a review of the tax records failed to locate any information pertaining to [redacted] Westhampton, which is located in the town of Southhampton.

The following investigation was conducted by SAA [redacted]

At New York, New York.

On May 22, 1958, SAA [redacted] contacted Mr. [redacted] H. Hentz and Company, 72 Wall Street, New York, New York, a securities brokerage firm.

[redacted] made available the ledger sheet of account number XN9235 in the name of EDWARD D. VOGEL and Miss [redacted], 4300 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

This account was a joint account and was noted that it carried the right of survivorship.

The ledger card reflected that on September 18, 1956, a check in the amount of $17,350, was deposited with the brokerage company, for which dealer credit in that amount was established. On September 19, 1956, a purchase of 100 shares of American Telephone and Telegraph Company common stock, at the price of $173 per share, was made and on September 25, 1956, the shares were delivered to the purchaser.

The above was the only transaction on the ledger sheet, and [redacted] after checking with the office staff, determined that there have been no other transactions in the name of that account before or since that purchase.

[redacted] consulted his company's duplicate bank deposit slips for September 18, 1956, and advised that instant check issued was drawn on the First Commercial Bank, Chicago, Illinois. Neither the name of the payee (believed to be H. Hentz and Company) nor the name of the drawer of the check were indicated on the duplicate deposit slip. It is noted that the brokerage fee for that transaction amounted to $50. b6 b7C

The Chicago Division has advised in the past that VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 Mr. [redacted] Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York, contacted by SA CHARLES M. CURRY. b6 b7C

T-2 Mrs. [redacted] Teddy's Hotel and Restaurant, Port Jefferson, New York, contacted by SA CHARLES M. CURRY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3030) 6/4/58

SAC, NEW YORK (92-737)

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of the report of SAA [redacted], dated and captioned as above, at New York.

REFERENCES

Reports of SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT, 2/14/58, and 5/19/58, at Chicago. b6 b7C

New York letter to Chicago, 4/21/58.

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On May 22, 1958, SAA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] requested that his identity remain confidential and that in the event of public disclosure of information furnished, it should be preceded by the usual proceedings involving the service of a subpoena duces tecum.

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At New York, New York b6 b7C b7D

1. Will recontact Mr. [redacted]

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2. Will attempt to interview Mr. [redacted] ARTHUR GODFREY, in an effort to learn the identity of one "ANN."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	CHICAGO	6/16/58	5/26,28; 6/2/58

TITLE OF CASE

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was

Report made by [redacted] (A) Typed By: dlo

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI RACKETEERING

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Synopsis:

A.T. & T. cash dividend checks deposited in savings account at American National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, account of EDWARD D. VOGEL, [redacted] advised one ANN FENNER was houseguest at his West Hampton, Long Island, NY, summer home in July, 1957. [redacted] said FENNER is a long time home town girl friend of [redacted] VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: Sent (C, T-1) On June 2, 1958, T-1 advised that cash dividend checks of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, dated January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10, 1957, had all been deposited in the savings account of EDWARD D. VOGEL at the American National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] These checks,

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each totaling $398.25, were quarterly dividends on 177 shares of common stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

CC T-1 advised that the above shares had been acquired as follows:

60 shares on February 18, 1954, on the exercise of a stock purchase option through the holding of convertible preferred stock; 10 shares on January 31, 1956, on the same basis; 100 shares on September 21, 1956, on an outright purchase. On October 15, 1956, seven shares were acquired through the exercise of stock purchase rights.

T-1 further advised that on April 1, 1958, 100 shares had been sold and that at the present time, VOGEL is the holder of 77 shares of American Telephone and Telegraph (AT & T) stock.

CC T-1 also related that VOGEL does not immediately cash his dividend checks and that at the present time, the cash dividend check issued on January 10, 1958, is still outstanding, as well as the one issued on April 10, 1958.

On June 2, 1958, SAA [redacted] interviewed Mr. [redacted], Arthur Godfrey Productions, 49 East 52nd Street, New York, New York. [redacted] related that he knew EDWARD DAVID VOGEL of Chicago, having met him only once about four years ago, when [redacted] accompanied VOGEL to [redacted] in New York City. At that time, VOGEL was residing at the St. Regis Hotel on Fifth Avenue in New York City. [redacted] stated that he knew VOGEL by reputation and at the time of his accompanying VOGEL [redacted] VOGEL was also accompanied by several of his "rough looking associates". It was [redacted] recollection that a high ranking New York City Police Department official accompanied them to [redacted] although [redacted] could not particularly identify the official.

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[redacted] stated that the "ANN" who visited his home in West Hampton, Long Island, New York, in July, 1957, was one ANN FENNER, a married woman who has a son in military school and who is an old friend of [redacted]

[redacted] said that ANN FENNER is a woman in her middle thirties who is Italian in appearance and who comes from the same home town as [redacted] namely [redacted]

According to [redacted] ANN FENNER always visits the [redacted] when she comes to New York. [redacted] stated that he lives at [redacted] New York, New York, telephone PLaza 5-1855.

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[redacted] indicated that his reason for going to the [redacted] several years ago with VOGEL was probably because of his acquaintanceship through [redacted] ANN FENNER, an associate of VOGEL.

[redacted] said that he had never had business dealings with VOGEL and knew him only by reputation and was under the impression that VOGEL had "mellowed" through the years.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as furnished to SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS by [redacted] on June 2, 1958, reflect that in 1952, [redacted] resided at [redacted] New York, New York, having arrived from Chicago in about February, 1952, where they resided at [redacted] While in Chicago, [redacted] was reportedly single and living at [redacted] for four years, having married in the latter part of 1951. Additionally for about four years while in Chicago, [redacted] was reportedly a [redacted] DAVE GARROWAY at a salary of approximately $15,000.00 per year.

According to the Credit Bureau records, [redacted] is [redacted] and the indication was that at the time [redacted] paid him for [redacted]

In December, 1956, inquiry by the Diners' Club reflected that [redacted] employment was that of a [redacted] New York, New York, and that he has charge accounts at Abercrombie and Fitch and Bergdorf - Goodman among others and has a satisfactory paying record.

A check of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on May 26, 1958, by [redacted] as furnished to SA ARTHUR R. MADIGAN reflected that [redacted] is the operator of a [redacted] manufactured vehicle, bearing New York 1958 license [redacted]

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A check of the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department on May 26, 1958, by SA AUGUST J. MICEK reflected no record in that agency for [redacted]

The Chicago Division has previously advised that VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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INFORMANTS

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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized in the report only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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SAC, NEW YORK (92-797)

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was
ANTI RACKETEERING

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the New York report of SAA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Report of SAA [redacted] at New York, dated June 4, 1958. b6 b7C

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There are being enclosed for the Chicago Division Photostats of the following cash dividend checks of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company:

Cash Dividend Checks 777-25746
777-25833
777-25744
777-26474

In addition, a Photostat of the stockholder account of subject VOGEL, as maintained by the Stock and Bond Division of the company, is being set forth as well.

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EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, Was.
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Rerep of SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT dated 6/17/58, at Chicago.

It will be noted on Page 70 of the above Summary Report that the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOHN QUAN who was of the opinion that there appears to be a basic violation of either the Anti-Racketeering Statute or the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 (Investigative Matter). It was pointed out in this report that investigation would proceed under the case entitled "CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION, ET AL; LMRA; AR", Bufile 122-2254, Chicago File 122-366.

In connection with the above CIAA investigation it will be necessary to interview a large representative number of the members of the CIAA of which there are approximately 100. In order to give this matter adequate attention and in view of the fact that EDWARD VOGEL is now a subject in the CIAA case, the Top Hoodlum matter on VOGEL is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of 60 days. Two experienced agents are being assigned to investigate the special situation involving a possible violation by EDWARD VOGEL, HYMEN LARNER and others involved in the CIAA.

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LOS ANGELES	CHICAGO	7/1/58	6/11,12/58

TITLE OF CASE

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was.

Report made by	Typed By:
STANLEY H. FUEHRER	jse

CHARACTER OF CASE

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

VOGEL occupied [redacted], [redacted] No record of registration for JULIUS ZIMBEROFF at [redacted] Toll calls from [redacted] set out. Local calls made to Racquet Club and Ocotillo Lodge, Palm Springs, for [redacted] VOGEL and ZIMBEROFF not known at either club and were not registered as guests during past season. VOGEL and ZIMBEROFF not known to Intelligence Squad, Palm Springs PD, and no record for them, Palm Springs PD. VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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DETAILS:

On June 11, 1958, [redacted] advised that the hotel is closed for the summer and none of the seasonal employees are now available. He said the records of the hotel reflect that EDWARD DAVID VOGEL [redacted] were registered in [redacted] and checked out on [redacted] VOGEL gave his home address as 4300 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted]

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advised he was unable to locate any record reflecting a registration for JULIUS ZIMBEROFF. He commented that the phone for the [redacted] is FAirview 4-1141.

[redacted] advised that the following toll calls were made from [redacted] during the period VOGEL was a guest:

February 18, 1958: to DIV 8-2226, Chicago
February 19, 1958: to Ar 6-5501, Chicago
February 20, 1958: to NE 1-4416, Chicago
February 20, 1958: to Dearborn 2-9880, Chicago
February 20, 1958: to Hyatt 3-3544, Chicago
February 20, 1958: to Hyatt 3-3544, Chicago

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[redacted] advised further that the following local calls were made:

February 17, 1958,
and February 20, 1958: to FAirview 5-2511

February 19, 1958,
and February 20, 1958: to FAirview 4-1281

A search of the Palm Springs Criss-Cross Phone Directory reflected FAirview 5-2511 is listed to the Ocotillo Lodge and FAirview 4-1281 is listed to the Racquet Club.

On June 11, 1958, [redacted] Ocotillo Lodge, 1111 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California, advised that neither the subject nor JULIUS ZIMBEROFF are known to him and have not been guests at this lodge. He explained that most of the cottages at the lodge are leased on a yearly basis and he is familiar with all of the regular tenants. He added that neither VOGEL nor ZIMBEROFF were guests at the lodge during the past season.

On June 11, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] Racquet Club, 2743 North Indian Avenue, Palm Springs, advised that neither VOGEL nor ZIMBEROFF were known to them, and they have not been guests over the past season.

On June 12, 1958, Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Palm Springs Police Department, advised that VOGEL and ZIMBEROFF are not known to him and there is no record in their files concerning them.

VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED & DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3086) 7/1/58

SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-250)

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
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Enclosed is the report of SA STANLEY H. FUHRER, dated as above, at Los Angeles.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT, 5/19/58, at Chicago.

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Director, FBI (92-3086) July 21, 1958

SAC, Chicago (92-345)

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, Was.
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re Chicago letter dated 6/23/58 placing captioned case in a Pending Inactive status for 60 days.

This is to advise that active investigation is being conducted regarding VOGEL in the case entitled "CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION, ET AL; LMRA; AR", Bufile 122-2254, Chicago File 122-366. Approximately 90 coin machine operators are in the process of being interviewed and the results will be reported in this case in the near future.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-345) DATE: July 25, 1958

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-138)

SUBJECT: EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, was.
AR
(OO: Chicago)

Rerep SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT, 6/17/58, Chicago.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Miami Beach, Florida:

On July 18, 1958, inquiries at the El Sombrero Motel, 17451 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, developed [redacted] who is the [redacted]

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On 7/18/58, [redacted] were interviewed at their [redacted]. They said they reside at [redacted] North Miami Beach, Florida. They said [redacted] is [redacted]; they did not know when she would return. They agreed to ask [redacted] to contact the FBI, Miami, upon her return from [redacted]

VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, Was.
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Re Chicago letter dated 6/23/58 placing captioned matter in a Pending Inactive Status.

It is to be noted that while instant case was in a Pending Inactive Status investigation of VOGEL's activities proceeded under the case entitled "CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION, ET AL; LMRA; AR", Bufile 122-2254, Chicago File 122-366. A report in this matter is in the process of being completed and a report will be submitted within the immediate future designating copies to the VOGEL file.

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TITLE OF CASE

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CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION; SAM GREENBERG, President; HYMEN LARNER, was., Hyman Larner, Tom Waterfall, Edward Jarvis, Dave Wright, "Red", Executive Secretary; EDWARD VOGEL, wa., Mr. Brown; FRED THOMAS SMITH, was., "Jukebox" Smith, ~~"Jukebox" Smitty, Business Agent,~~ Local 134, International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers

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CHARACTER OF CASE

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 1947 (Investigative Matter); ANTI-RACKETEERING

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SYNOPSIS:

Synopsis: Sixty-nine Coin Machine Operators, who have in the past paid dues to the CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION (CIAA), interviewed. Majority of these operators state they joined CIAA voluntarily and reported no trouble or violence. Seven operators have reported their machines have been damaged by acid. Seven additional operators have reported their locations visited by muscle men to enforce use of CIAA Labels, or they have removed equipment from a location due to fear of damage. Five operators have reported they have purchased coin machine equipment outside of the State of Illinois. Four operators interviewed have made reference to EDWARD VOGEL's connection with the coin machine business. Eight coin machine operators have reported they have had contact with THOMAS WATERFALL in connection with their machine business. Efforts to locate HYMEN LARNER to date negative.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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The title of this case is marked changed to include FRED THOMAS SMITH's alias "JUKEBOX SMITTY".

The following Special Agents performed investigative work which is set forth in this report:

[redacted], WILLIAM L. BAILEY, ROBERT F. BARRY, [redacted] LESTER K. ESAREY, [redacted] PAUL B. FRANKFURT, JOHN F. GENIS, GEORGE F. GILLEM, THOMAS J. GREEN, [redacted] RALPH R. HILL, JR., VINCENT L. INSERRA, [redacted] AUGUST C. KEMPFF, JOHN J. MOORE, [redacted] THOMAS W. PARRISH, [redacted] JOHN T. REILLY, JR., JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR., WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JAMES R. RUMPH, [redacted] JAMES R. SHEEHAN, WILLIAM W. STICKLE, [redacted] C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS, RUFUS THOMAS TYSON.

SECTION I

INTERVIEWS WITH OPERATORS AND LOCATION OWNERS WHO HAVE REPORTED DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 13, 1958

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is [redacted] the [redacted] and stated that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), when it was formed or shortly thereafter, when the dues were .50¢ per machine for three months. He stated that when the CIAA joined up with the union and dues were raised to $1.00 per month per machine, he resisted such additional dues but finally paid them after the pressure was put on. Mr. [redacted] stated that what he meant by the pressure being put on was that he [redacted] and that he had a bowling machine hijacked sometime in January or February, 1957, from a location at [redacted] a tavern. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has attended probably eight to ten meetings of the CIAA, but could not recall seeing ED VOGEL or "RED" WATERFALL at the meetings. Mr. [redacted] stated that about a year or a year and a half ago, he had acid spilled on a bowling machine he owned, which was located at the tavern called [redacted] located at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] stated that the location at this spot, [redacted] was told to get his, [redacted] equipment out of there, but he still has his equipment at that location.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that most of his equipment is purchased locally, however, he has purchased bumper pool tables from the Valley Manufacturing Company in Bay City, Michigan, and probably has five or six Valley bumper pool tables out on his route at the present time. However, none of these bumper pool tables purchased from Valley Manufacturing Company have been damaged. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has approximately [redacted] on his route and most of them are in the city of Chicago proper, with the exception of what he has at [redacted] and also a bowling machine he has at a [redacted] Illinois. He stated that at this latter address, the "syndicate" has a bingo game but for some reason or other, does not disturb his bowling game.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/31/58 at [redacted] Date dictated 8/6/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT /pam

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Mr. [redacted] viewed the pictures of EDWARD VOGEL, TONY PANZICA, "POOPY" MAENZA, [redacted] FRANK MUSTERI, HYMEN LARNER, ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, and FRANK ELDORADO. Mr. [redacted] picked out the picture of HYMEN LARNER as "RED" WATERFALL, although he stated it appeared to be a very old picture and that since then WATERFALL has filled out in the face. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had occasion to meet "RED" WATERFALL at the office of the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] was unable to identify the other pictures, although he possibly recognized the picture of JAMES RINI and ALEX ROSS as pictures he has seen in the newspapers.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is no longer purchasing labels from the CIAA, although he has received a bill from them, but estimates that he has paid to the CIAA about $2400 which would be for [redacted] for a year's time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 13, 1958

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is [redacted] and that he resides at [redacted] Illinois.

He stated that about one year ago a group of three men came into his tavern and identified themselves as "the boys from the county". He stated that they inquired about taking coin machines that were in his tavern out and replacing them with their own machines. Mr. [redacted] stated that he told this group of men that if his present machines were taken out, there would be no machines in the place at all. Mr. [redacted] examined the pictures of EDWARD VOGEL, TONY PANZICA, "POOPY" MAENZA, [redacted], FRANK MUSTERI, HYMEN LARNER, ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, and FRANK ELDORADO. From the above pictures, Mr. [redacted] picked out the picture of EDWARD VOGEL taken at Palm Beach, Florida as one of the men in the group of three that visited him. However, Mr. [redacted] stated that one of the "boys from the county" talked about being [redacted] and being EDWARD VOGEL's [redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that in this group of three men there was one man who was about 60, who wore a dark suit and a light grey hat and had big horn rimmed glasses. This individual was about 5' 10", 150 pounds and had the appearance of looking old or sick. When he came into the tavern, he asked for a glass of milk and settled for a glass of ginger ale. Mr. [redacted] does not recall that this individual did any of the talking. He stated that the second man in the group was about age 42, 5' 10" tall, and wore a sport shirt with short sleeves. The third man was about 5' 9"-10" and looked very strongly like the picture of EDWARD VOGEL taken at Palm Beach, Florida.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that this group of men came to his tavern about three times concerning the taking out of [redacted] coin machines and replacing them with their own. Mr. [redacted] stated that some of the remarks he recalled they made were "you've got a nice business here and you should take good care of it, and these machines" referring to [redacted] machines, "might get chopped up if they stay." Mr. [redacted] stated that after this group of three men called on him, one of [redacted] bowling machines was damaged by acid. Mr. [redacted] stated that at this time he was not at the tavern and did not see how the damage was done. Mr. [redacted] stated that shortly after this, another bowling machine of [redacted] was damaged, but this time [redacted] was present when it happened.

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on 8/5/58 at [redacted] Illinois Date dictated 8/6/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT/pam

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From the pictures displayed to [redacted] he readily picked at the picture of JAMES RINI as one of the individuals in the tavern at the time the acid was spilled. He also picked out the picture of MICHAEL BATTIATIO, also known as MICHAEL DE MARO, and the picture of ALEX ROSS as probably being the other two men in his tavern at this time. Mr. [redacted] stated that he recalled definitely that JAMES RINI sat at the southwest corner of the bar near the bowling machine, while the other two individuals were at another part of the bar and engaged his attention. He stated that he recalls one of these individuals, who looked like BATTIATIO, talked with a very rough voice and made some remark that they pay all the protection in the county and also some remark was made concerning, why don't you get a game in here and get a cut of it. He stated that while these two individuals engaged his attention, RINI played the bowling machine game and then suddenly they all left together. He stated as soon as they left he examined the bowling machine and at first could not see the acid on it, but subsequently observed the acid and vial which had been thrown into the working parts of the machine. Mr. [redacted] stated that he ran out to the parking lot and saw these men as they drove away and he obtained the license number, which was Illinois 1957 license 134443. He stated the car they were driving was a 1957 Chevrolet with a black bottom and a white top. Mr. [redacted] stated that this license number was checked out and it showed that the above car was owned by MICHAEL DE MARO of 2244 North Cleveland, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has not kept the vial that the acid was in.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that shortly after the acid was thrown, a runner came to his tavern and made arrangements for the "boys from the county" to meet [redacted] and a meeting was set up. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] came out to the meeting, but the other party to the meeting did not show. Mr. [redacted] stated that the above activities all occurred within about a six week or two month period.

Mr. [redacted] stated that about six weeks or two months after the acid was thrown, he had a stink bomb dumped in his tavern, which necessitated closing down the tavern for the balance of the day to get the smell out of it. He stated that this stink bomb was a half gallon flat brown bottle that was set in the south door of his tavern and spilled when the door was closed.

Mr. [redacted] stated that up until this time he had not connected this stink bomb with the activities of the acid throwers and does not know why it was placed in his place of business. Mr. [redacted] stated since the stink bomb was dumped in his tavern, he has had no more trouble and has not heard from the "boys from the county".

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 6, 1958

[redacted] advised that he was a member of CIAA in the past, however, he has not paid dues to this organization since the first of the year. He stated that he is not a member of Local 134, the IBEW, and that he hires no employees. He stated that he joined the CIAA in June, 1957, and operates [redacted] He said that he joined CIAA voluntarily thinking that it would help to protect his locations from the big operators. He said that he went down to the office of CIAA voluntarily and paid his dues to the office girl. He said that he was never called into the office of CIAA in an effort to gain his membership, and that he does not know HYMEN LARNER or any of the individuals who appeared on the photographs shown to him.

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He said that two of his pool tables were damaged in August and September of 1957. He said that one of these tables was damaged at [redacted] He said that this machine did not have a stamp on it, and that it was damaged by someone throwing acid on it. He said that the bartender at the tavern, whose name he did not know, had told him that two fellows came in and one kept the bartender busy while the other loitered near the tables, and when these two left, the bartender noticed that the table had been damaged. [redacted] stated the other pool table that was damaged was located at the [redacted] located at [redacted] in Chicago. He said that this machine had a stamp on it, and he does not know why it was damaged, but he suspects that he was mistaken for someone else who was operating machines without a stamp. [redacted] said that he talked to the son of the owner of the tavern whose name is [redacted] told him that his wife saw two men damage the table. He said the he knows of no coin operator who refused to join CIAA. He said that all his machines are operated throughout the city of Chicago. He said that he buys his machines and the parts in the state of Illinois and services the machines himself. He stated that he neither knows nor has heard of any rumors of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134 or IBEW. He stated that he would be willing to testify to any information in his possession in this matter.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/23/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/31/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] /emh

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 24, 1958

Mr. [redacted], who resides at [redacted] Illinois, stated that up until January 1, 1958 he operated coin machines under the name of [redacted], which was a partnership between himself and Allied Coin Machine, 886 Milwaukee Avenue. He stated that Allied Coin Machine is [redacted]

He stated that at the present time he is operating under the name of the [redacted] and has approximately [redacted] in the City of Chicago. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not want to join the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) because he did not want to know the other operators and to be friendly with them because it is more difficult to take stops away from a friend then it is from some stranger, however, he stated that all of the coin machine operators apparently were joining and he believes that it was [redacted] of Allied Coin Machine who kept suggesting that he join the CIAA until he finally did. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not get into the CIAA until after they had joined up with the union which was Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). Mr. [redacted] understood that WATERFALL came into the CIAA after the CIAA joined with Local 134.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he had acid spilled on one of his pool tables located at [redacted] and to Mr. [redacted] recollection this happened about in the summer of 1957. He stated that he had already joined the CIAA but had not put a label on this machine as he was more or less testing out the strength of the association after they aligned themselves with the union and he believes that [redacted] complained to the CIAA about this location of his without a label and that subsequently acid was spilled on this machine.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/15/58 at [redacted], Illinois Date dictated 7/21/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] /cme

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he does not know JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, EDWARD VOGEL or any other muscle men of the CIAA and he does not know of any pay offs by coin machine operators to officials of Local 134, IBEW. Mr. [redacted] stated that after he became a member of the CIAA he attended practically all of their meetings and that at one meeting he recognized [redacted] (phonetic) of the Scotland Yard Detail of the Chicago Police Department at this meeting. He stated that he and Mr. [redacted] had grown up together and for that reason he recognized him at the meeting.

Mr. [redacted] stated that about five years ago he had solicited stops in the county but had learned from bartenders that this was LARNER's territory and he did not place any machines in the county. Mr. [redacted] could not recall where he had heard that the county was LARNER's territory except at [redacted] (phonetic) which was on the [redacted] Mr. [redacted] does not recall the bartender who told him this.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he buys all of his machines locally but when he was in partnership with Allied Coin Machines they put up all the money and machines and he does not know definitely where they obtain their machines from.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 30, 1958

On July 14, 1958, [redacted] advised that he is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, that he has no employees and handles all his business alone. He advised he owns coin operated amusement machines and places them in various locations in Chicago, mainly the [redacted]. He stated he started this business in 1952 and built up his own route and locations. [redacted] advised the following story:

He joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in about July, 1957. He was not in favor of joining this group, but was advised by several other servicemen and operators to join for his benefit. He does not believe these were threats nor was he ever threatened or told he had to join. He received this advice from friends and believes it was because they felt he would be harmed by unknown persons if he did not join. He believes it was at Empire Coin Company where he was told to join or requested to join by the friends he knew at Empire.

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[redacted] went down to the CIAA office in July, 1957, and paid $120 in cash for [redacted] having [redacted] These labels were good for three months, July, August and September, 1957. The CIAA office was located at 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago. The person he gave the money to, who was in the CIAA office, was a RED JARVIS (phonetic) who he later learned was HYMEN LARNER.

[redacted] (phonetic), who is the [redacted] at Allied Coin, was also at the CIAA office and complained about a location at [redacted] where [redacted] had one of his machines, saying this was Allied's spot. [redacted] was told by RED JARVIS to take his machine out of there.

This is the only time he has met LARNER and the only time he visited the CIAA office. He was not threatened on this occasion.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/14,15/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Ill. Date dictated 7/15/58

by Special Agents THOMAS J. GREEN and RUFUS THOMAS TYSON/lds

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He had a sixteen foot bowling machine located at [redacted] Chicago, on which acid was spilled in 1958. [redacted] witnessed this spilling of acid. [redacted] is employed at [redacted] A label showing current dues was on the machine at the time, the label being one he had purchased from CIAA.

In 1958, the units in the rear of a fourteen foot bowling machine belonging to him were cut out. This machine was located at [redacted], premises being owned by [redacted], Mrs. [redacted] witnessed this damaging action and picked out ALEX ROSS and JAMES RINI as the individuals who committed this act. b6 b7C

He stated prior to this act a [redacted] last name unknown, complained to CIAA that [redacted] had "jumped" this location at [redacted] and the CIAA told [redacted] to get out. He said [redacted] location owner, wanted him to stay and told [redacted] to take his machine out.

On one occasion he was told by [redacted] that an individual, who he believed was HYMEN LARNER, visited this tavern and told [redacted] to tell [redacted] to get a new label on his machine at that location because the one on the machine was out of date. LARNER left a card with [redacted] which bore the name THOMAS WATERFALL.

The labels purchased from CIAA reflect that the purchaser is paid up in dues to Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He said SAM GREENBERG is the president of CIAA and he does not know of any connection between any official of CIAA and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134. He is not a member of IBEW, Local 134.

He believes he was the [redacted] coin machine operator to join CIAA, the last man being a HERMAN KLEBBA who is located on the south side of Chicago. He heard that KLEBBA has had his machines damaged by being chopped and having bullets fired into them.

[redacted] State Grand Jury and [redacted] ALEX ROSS and JAMES RINI scheduled for [redacted] at [redacted]. ROSS and RINI have been indicted for several offenses, including obstruction of justice.

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Allied Coin in his opinion helped to bring in CIAA and he feels Allied Coin, Empire Coin, Milwaukee Avenue, [redacted] and First Coin, 1700 block North Avenue, have gained the most through the organization of CIAA.

Most of his equipment is purchased from Empire Coin at present. They are the sole distributor for United Manufacturing Company, 3401 North California. A short while ago, you could buy direct from United Manufacturing, but now all purchases have to be made from Empire for United Manufacturing equipment. Empire also handles equipment made by the Bally (phonetic) and the Genco (phonetic) Manufacturing Company. Empire also sells in the Detroit area and has control over a large section of Detroit if not all of it.

[redacted] located at [redacted] is a company where he occasionally swaps or purchases equipment. [redacted] will trade equipment, repair or change it and then resell the machine. [redacted] has also had one of his own machines hijacked.

[redacted] said that BILL WOLF was chased out of a spot or told to move a machine out of a location by CIAA. SAM GREENBERG, President of CIAA, then put a machine in this location. He also stated that [redacted]

[redacted], has had his machines damaged in locations; [redacted] has had his machines burned by acid in locations; [redacted], telephone number BR 8-0332 and HU 6-7254, had a machine hijacked out of the [redacted] last name unknown, has had machines burned by acid. He said [redacted] knows [redacted] WOLF, [redacted] and their places of business. [redacted] stated HERMAN KLEBBA knows of a [redacted], who was a coin machine operator on the south side of Chicago, and who had his machines damaged. [redacted] stated [redacted] has about [redacted] machines and some may have been damaged or hijacked at various locations. A man named [redacted] is the head of [redacted] located on [redacted] has had their machines damaged at various locations. b6 b7C

All of the above damage and hijacking was believed by [redacted] to be carried on by hoodlums in order to force operators to join the CIAA, buy labels, and obey instructions from CIAA concerning giving up locations. [redacted] stated [redacted] is acquainted with an [redacted] (phonetic) who are officials of CIAA. He said he helped to break up the old Coin Machine Service Association and feels he helped to start in the fight against and prosecution of the hoodlums involved with the CIAA, based on his complaint of damage to his machines.

He has heard of FRED "JUKE BOX" SMITH, EDWARD VOGEL, but does not know them personally. He does not know the present whereabouts of HYMEN LARNER.

He does not purchase any machines, or parts, from out of state but gets all equipment here in Chicago.

He would be willing to testify to all that he is able to. [redacted] local grand jury and has been interviewed by newspaper reporters, in connection with the damage done to his machines.

On July 15, 1958, [redacted] advised that he sent a cashiers check number 462,182, dated October 11, 1957, to the CIAA for [redacted] at $3 a label for his [redacted] These labels were for the month of October, November and December, 1957. b6 b7C

On about January 2, 1958, he sent a cashiers check, drawn on the same bank, number 472,921, dated January 2, 1958, for $120 to the CIAA for [redacted] for the months of January, February and March, 1958. He stated he will keep the receipts for these checks and will make them available if they are desired.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. FRED T. MINTER advised that the Gateway Distributing Company was operated by him for a number of years. For some time, he had over one hundred machines in operation and employed two route men, and he himself worked on the route. About six months ago, MINTER sold out the company to the Empire Coin Machine Exchange, 1012 North Milwaukee Avenue, and they currently operate machines at locations formerly utilized by the Gateway Distributing Company, in addition to those they previously operated.

MINTER stated he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) when it first started operation approximately two years ago. He claimed he gave them about "two bits" originally for initiation and that he attended about four or five meetings of the organization at various hotels in Chicago's Loop, but did not get anything out of it so he just stopped going. MINTER advised he was unable to recall who ran these meetings. He stated that sometime in 1956, the CIAA issued some stamps for the amusement machines; then sometime during 1957, these stamps were changed to bear the identification of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He added that these were issued through CIAA, however, and he expressed the opinion they were to unionize the machines. MINTER advised he was approached by telephone regarding obtaining the labels. He paid by check for about fifty or sixty machines, $1 each month for each machine every three months for a total of approximately one year.

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MINTER stated he had not been coerced into purchasing the labels, explaining that he made the purchases so as to keep things running smoothly. He added that he did not believe the organization did anything for him, did not believe in their activities, but did not want to become involved and went along. MINTER said he was never called into any office of CIAA, 165 East Ontario Street or otherwise. He talked to Mr. WATERFALL only by telephone and claimed he did not know him by sight. MINTER admitted having talked to other persons than WATERFALL, ostensibly from the CIAA, but he was unable to recall their names. MINTER claimed he did not know EDDIE VOGEL, though he had heard the name.

MINTER viewed photographs of VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MENZA, and [redacted] but was

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on 7/22/58 at Empire Coin Machine Exchange, 1012 North Milwaukee, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agent s [redacted] mjn

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unable to effect an identification from any of them. He also viewed photographs of JAMES RINI and FRANK MUSTERI. He claimed he had seen these individuals at sometime, but did not know their names and did not recall in what connection he had seen them, or the circumstances under which he had met them. He added that he could not associate them with CIAA.

MINTER belatedly admitted that he had one machine damaged, which damage was said to be minor. He claimed the explanation "they" gave was that "they" did not know it was MINTER's machine. MINTER refused to identify the "they", though he did not deny it might have been CIAA representatives. MINTER declined to elaborate further, saying it was an old machine and the damage was minor.

MINTER advised that neither of his men was approached by any representative of CIAA, the Syndicate, or any musclemen, and as far as he knows, none of the proprietors at locations of machines were approached by such individuals. MINTER claimed that he does not know to his own knowledge of any operators who refused to join the organization, although he admitted having heard stories that there were some. MINTER refused to furnish any information regarding such stories.

MINTER advised that he had only two machines in Cook County. All others were in Chicago and various parts of the city. MINTER also admitted that, when he operated the Gateway Distributing Company, he purchased machines out of Illinois. However, he no longer makes such purchases, and declined to name the companies involved or the persons from whom the purchases were made. In the beginning of the interview and several times in the course of the interview, MINTER stated he did not want to become involved and refused to furnish specific information. He stated that he would not testify.

MINTER claimed he does not know of any payments made by CIAA to any official of IBEW and expressed the belief that "JUKE BOX" SMITTY would have received such payments in his capacity as a business agent for the union. MINTER advised that he knows of "JUKE BOX" SMITTY as having been associated with the union, but has had no contact with him. MINTER further advised that,

when the labels were changed from CIAA to the union name, the payments continued to be made to CIAA.

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Mr. THOELE furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134.

He joined CIAA in October, 1956. He is a member of CIAA. He is not a member of Local 134. He does not have any employees who are members of either CIAA or Local 134.

He joined CIAA voluntarily at the suggestion of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] He operates [redacted] on the Northside of Chicago. These machines are operated exclusively in taverns.

He has been in the CIAA office located at 188 West Randolph on numerous occasions. He has met the executive secretary of CIAA who is known by the name of THOMAS WATERFALL. He does not know EDWARD VOGEL nor is he acquainted with ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, OR [redacted] b6 b7C

In August, 1957, one of his machines was damaged in the Pilsner Inn, 3216 Sheffield. This machine was damaged by spilling acid on it. The damaged occurred on either a Friday or Saturday night, and the owner of the Pilsner Inn informed him that he did not know the names of the individuals who had damaged this machine. The [redacted]

At the time his machine was damaged at the Pilsner Inn, he was a member of CIAA. He does not recall, however, if the damaged machine had a CIAA sticker on it. Mr. THOELE viewed the photographs of EDWARD VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA and [redacted] but was unable to recognize any of them as persons he has seen.

He does not know the names of any coin operators who have refused to join CIAA. He believes that machines owned by [redacted] telephone UPtown 8-9738, have been damaged by acid.

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on 7/15/58 at 2154 Addison, Chicago, Ill. Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and JOHN J. MOORE/emh

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All of his machines are made in Chicago, are serviced by Chicago companies, and all the service parts are made in Chicago.

He attented several CIAA meetings in the Fall of 1956. The meetings were held in the Congress Hotel. SAM GREENBERG, President of the CIAA, presided over the meetings. Most of the members of CIAA were present at the meetings, and group discussions were held relative to adding new machines to various established locations and the increasing of the price of the playing of these machines from 5¢ to 10¢. He does not know of any payments made by CIAA to any official of Local 134.

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On July 10, 1958, Mr. [redacted], stated he works [redacted] and operates about [redacted]. He related that he is [redacted] but is [redacted] at present. He stated he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) about three months after its inception, and believed it to be a good idea. He said he attended one of the meetings of the CIAA at the Congress Hotel, and that SAM GREENBERG, presided at this meeting. He said he is not a member of Local 134, and that he does not service his own machines. He claims he never met HYMEN LARNER, alias Waterfall, and has no idea how he came to hold a position in the CIAA. He stated all of his machines were purchased locally and none from out of state. b6 b7C

According to Mr. [redacted], he had one machine apparently damaged by acid. He said this machine did not have a stamp or label on it and was located at [redacted]. He said the machine was not in use at the time and stated it was an old machine and did not have much value, and he was about to sell it to a private individual to use in his home. He stated he had never called the CIAA office, nor had he ever been there, and did not know EDWARD VOGEL or "JUKE BOX" SMITH.

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on 7/10/58 at [redacted] Ill. Date dictated 7/11/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted]
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SECTION II

INTERVIEWS WITH OPERATORS WHOSE LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN VISITED BY MUSCLE MEN TO ENFORCE USE OF CIAA LABELS OR WHO HAVE REMOVED EQUIPMENT FROM A LOCATION DUE TO FEAR OF DAMAGE.

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Mr. [redacted] furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134:

He is a member of the CIAA but is not a member of IBEW, Local 134. He joined CIAA in October, 1957. He operates [redacted] He purchased these machines from World Wide Distributors, Fullerton and Western Avenues, Chicago. These machines are made in Chicago, and the service parts for the machines are obtained in Chicago.

He joined CIAA at the request of [redacted] located at [redacted] Chicago. He was informed by Mr. [redacted] that two tough looking men who appeared to be hoodlums had checked two of his machines which were located in the [redacted] The two men informed Mr. [redacted] that these machines did not have CIAA stamps on them. They informed Mr. [redacted] that the owner of the machines should immediately obtain CIAA stamps for them. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] immediately contacted Mr. [redacted] and told him he should join CIAA, because he believed that if he did not join CIAA, the two machines located in the [redacted] would be damaged.

Mr. [redacted] then went to the CIAA office located at 188 West Randolph Street and purchases [redacted] CIAA stamps for his [redacted] He paid a total of $12 for these stamps and the stamps were for a period of three months.

The only person that Mr. [redacted] contacted at the CIAA office was the office girl, anattractive redhead.

Mr. [redacted] is not acquainted with HYMEN LARNER, also known as THOMAS WATERFALL. He does not know EDWARD VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, or [redacted] He was not able to identify the above mentioned individuals from the photographs.

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by Special Agents [redacted] and WILLIAM L. BAILEY/emh

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He does not know any operators who have refused to join CIAA. He does not know of any payments being made by the CIAA to any officials of Local 134 and has not heard any rumors which would pertain to such payments.

He operates his machines in the Northside area of Chicago and in Des Plaines, Illinois. He does not purchase CIAA stamps for his machines which are operated in Des Plaines. None of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged.

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On July 14, 1958, [redacted] advised he is a [redacted] He stated about two years ago [redacted] and himself purchased about [redacted] coin machines and began operating a small route in their spare time. He stated he had a location at the [redacted], which he had worked up into a lucrative spot after four months which was taking in approximately $50.00 per week. In September or October, 1956, he was informed by [redacted] that two men had come in and told him he would have to take out his machine and put in a machine belonging to someone else. He said that [redacted] had been so convinced by these men that he felt he would have trouble if he didn't remove his machine. He advised that as he was [redacted] and wanted no trouble or fight of any kind that he removed his machine and thereby lost the stop. Thereafter, he talked with [redacted] and inquired as to what he might do to avoid pirating of other stops. He was informed that an association was being formed to preclude such a situation and was given the name of WATERFALL and number to call.

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He stated in order to avoid trouble and to keep present locations he called Mr. WATERFALL in December, 1956, and told him what had happened. He was informed he would also have to join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Union as well as the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and send in an initiation fee of $20.00 which he did. This was done on January 17, 1957. On January 1, 1957, he sent in a check for $18.00 [redacted] CIAA labels. On March 20, 1957, he sent in $10.00 for dues to the union and $12.00 to the CIAA for additional labels. Again on June 24, 1957, he sent in a check for $12.00 to the CIAA for labels and $10.00 to the IBEW for union dues. He produced receipts for union dues reflecting a stamped signature of [redacted] IBEW.

Mr. [redacted] advised he and his partner decided to drop out of the organization on September 20, 1957, after paying for labels in June, 1957, as they did not feel they were receiving any benefits and because of their position with the [redacted] were not prepared to make a fight for any location should

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anyone else attempt to pirate it and for this reason did not feel that the association could do them any good. He stated he called WATERFALL and told him he was going out of the coin machine business and was dropping from the union as well. This was not entirely true, however, as he stated he still continues to operate [redacted] In all he stated he had talked to WATERFALL about two or three times and had never met him. He said it seemed to be a standard joke when talking with WATERFALL that he would mention "If you have any trouble, call WATERFALL". He stated he never attended any of the meetings and never purchased any machines out of state. He further stated that none of his machines had ever been damaged and that he did not know anyone operating machines who had them damaged. He stated that he did not service his machines but did all of the collecting.

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Mr. [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he and Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] Chicago, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is a member of the CIAA since April of 1957, and that he owns and operates [redacted] coin operated machines. At the time he joined the CIAA he paid $3 per quarter per machine, but has not made any payments since the beginning of 1958. He stated that he operated these machines approximately six months before joining the CIAA, but that he never received any threats, nor were any of his machines damaged or hi-jacked prior to his joining CIAA. He voluntarily joined the CIAA because the other coin machine operators that he knew had joined. He stated that he received two phone calls from the CIAA Office advising him that a statement, which had been sent to him had not been paid, and that he should pay this money so that he could receive the stickers to put on his machines, indicating membership in the CIAA.

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[redacted] stated that he is personally acquainted with SAM GREENBERG. He met GREENBERG while he was servicing these machines, but has never received any threat or trouble from GREENBERG. He stated that he was not personally acquainted with HYMEN LARNER or EDWARD VOGEL. He has never been visited by any muscle men from the syndicate, nor is he acquainted with any of the alleged muscle men.

[redacted] stated that in April or May of 1957, he visited the [redacted] last name unknown, of a tavern, located on the [redacted] told him that two men had come into the tavern that day, and told him to tell the operator of the machine to get a sticker on it or get it out of the tavern. These men left a card with instructions for the owner of this machine to call the CIAA Office. [redacted] called the CIAA Office in the presence of [redacted] and talked to WATERFALL. He told WATERFALL what had happened, and that these two men, who had visited the tavern, had overlooked the sticker, which

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by Special Agents [redacted] Jr./pmm

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was on this machine. WATERFALL told him everything was okay. [redacted] did not see the two men, who visited this tavern, and was unable to identify or describe them. To the best of his knowledge none of the proprietors of the places where he has his machines located were contacted by any muscle men or threatened in any way.

[redacted] does not know of any other coin machine operator who has refused to join the CIAA, or has been forced to join the CIAA by means of threats. b6 b7C

He stated that [redacted] of his machines are located on the North and Northwest Side, [redacted] of his machines are located on the South Side of Chicago. All of these machines and the repair parts for these machines are purchased in the City of Chicago.

[redacted] stated that he is not a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 134, and does not know of any connection between the CIAA and Local No. 134.

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WILLIAM E. WOLF said he is generally called BILLY WOLF, and has been in the juke box and amusement devices business for approximately 25 years. He said he had belonged to several associations of machine owners and operators prior to joining the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and he believes he is or was also a member of Local 134 of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He said he never bought the number of CIAA labels to cover all his machines, and that he now has approximately 45 machines of various kinds in regular operation. WOLF said he is his own repairman, and also does occasional repair jobs for other owners of machines on a contract basis. He said he uses his residence, an upstairs apartment at 3449 North Southport Avenue, Chicago, telephone GR 7-0720, as his office, and usually does his repair work at various distributors' plants. b6 b7C

WOLF said he joined the CIAA shortly after receiving a letter of invitation by mail, soliciting him as a member. He said he joined CIAA and bought the labels, in order not to have trouble with his machines or his locations, but he never bought enough labels to put on all of his machines. He said he thought he had been lucky that none of the machines he placed in locations without CIAA stickers had been damaged.

WOLF said he never himself had trouble with CIAA, although he knows a location owner, [redacted] Chicago, who had. He said that [redacted] had asked him (WOLF) to put in a "14-foot bowler", but he did not have one available, so he asked another owner, [redacted] no further identified, to put a bowler in [redacted] who belonged to CIAA, did put a bowler without a CIAA label into [redacted] and acid was poured on it within a day of its installation.

WOLF said that he had had some experience with being "bumped" from a location in the suburbs. He said he had some machines at a location in Franklin Park, but someone, he cannot remember who, warned him that "the boys" would not like that, and he had better pull his machines out.

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on 7/30/58 at 3449 North Southport Avenue Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/30/58

by Special Agents WILLIAM W. STICKLE and THOMAS W. PARRISH/mer

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He said he accepted this warning, and pulled his machines out, and the following day learned that his machines had been replaced with machines owned by SMITTY, also known as FRED "JUKE BOX" SMITH. WOLF said he never made any complaint about being "bumped" in Franklin Park. Several times during this interview he mentioned "GLIMCO", which is presumed to refer to GIUSEPPE ("JOEY") GLIMCO, in connection with "SMITTY".

WOLF said that on another occasion he had had an established location "pirated" from him by SAM GREENBERG, President of CIAA. He said that before he knew whose machine had replaced his, he had made a formal complaint to CIAA headquarters, and had other operators make complaints, but nothing was ever done about it, and he finally let the matter rest. He could not recall when this had happened, but said he thought it had been early in the history of CIAA.

WOLF said he did not know HYMEN LARNER, had heard the name WATERFALL, but never met the man. He said he was never directly threatened with any kind of violence or damage, and never actually experienced either in his business.

WOLF said he knew of one former coin-machine operator who refused to join CIAA, and who left the coin-machine business, and now works as a repairman for the ABC Music Company. WOLF thinks, but does not know, that this man, BILL MORRIS, experienced coercion and might be willing to talk about it.

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On July 22, 1958, Mr. [redacted] of the same address, advised that he is a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) as well as a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He said that he has no employees who are members of either CIAA or IBEW as he himself services his own machines.

[redacted] said that he joined CIAA approximately 1 year ago when it was first formed and operates [redacted] machines. He said that other operators told him about the CIAA Organizational Meeting which he attended. He said that he voluntarily joined CIAA as he felt it was a good worthwhile organization for [redacted] operator like himself.

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[redacted] said that he was never in the CIAA office and was never asked to come into the CIAA office. He said that he recalls talking to SAM GREENBERG once telephonically concerning another operator trying to take one of his locations. He has never had any of his machines damaged or sabataged.

[redacted] said that he did not know HYMEN LARNER, RED WATERFALL, or EDWARD VOGEL.

[redacted] said that about 1 year ago, the owner of the [redacted] which is one of his locations, told him at the time that a representative, name unknown, of the CIAA came into the [redacted] and inquired as to why there was not a CIAA label on the coin machine. This representative told the owner of the [redacted] to tell the operator who owned this machine to get a label on it or they would take it out. He said that the Bartender told him of this immediately and [redacted] who had the label, placed it on the coin machine the following day.

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by Special Agent [redacted] kwk

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[redacted] also recalls an operator by the name of HERMAN KLEBBA on the South Side of Chicago who refused to join the CIAA. He also heard rumors to the effect that there were other operators also not members of the CIAA but as to identity of these operators he could not furnish.

[redacted]. He has [redacted] machines in locations on the South Side of Chicago and the balance outside the city in Willow Springs, Lemont, Harvey and Route 83. He pays CIAA $1.00 per machine per month on only those machines in the city plus paying the city $25.00 per machine for 1 year for a license. He pays nothing on the machines outside the Chicago City Limits.

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[redacted] said that in connection with KLEBBA he operates near 31st and Racine and had heard that KLEBBA had several machines stolen. [redacted] meets KLEBBA occasionally at [redacted] said that he himself has never had any machines damaged or sabataged. He said that he has also heard of other operators, names not known, who have had machines stolen. He said that he heard talk of the acid incident with [redacted] and it was general talk that musclemen of the CIAA were responsible.

[redacted] said that he does not buy machines or parts for his machines outside of the state. Those parts he does not borrow from other operators he buys from Seeburg Wurlitzer, AMI (American Music Incorporated), 1st Coin Distributors and Chicago Coin Machine Company.

He said that he has heard of no payments made by CIAA to IBEW or any representative or official of the IBEW. He thinks that CIAA pays IBEW $.25 on the dollar for each label to IBEW. Therefore for one machine, CIAA pays IBEW $.75 for 1 quarter.

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[redacted] feels that the CIAA is a worthwhile association for the small operator, however, feels that $3.00 per quarter per machine is too steep but knows that if he does not pay or belong to CIAA he would not stay in business too long as the bigger operator would take over his locations.

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[redacted] said that he would be willing to testify to any information furnished, however, would not testify alone for fear of retaliation.

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[redacted] Chicago, advised he operates about [redacted] coin operated machines as the [redacted] at this address. He said he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) at its inception and attended two meetings at the Congress Hotel and one at the Midland Hotel. He was of the opinion that the CIAA was a good thing for the coin operators.

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He said [redacted] whom he did not believe was a member of the CIAA, had a location on the south side where a muscleman entered carrying a gun and showed it to the location owner in an attempt to muscle in on one of his coin machine locations. He said that this was about eight months ago.

[redacted] further stated he believed that coin machine operators known to him as [redacted] had suffered some trouble in connection with acid spilling on their machines.

[redacted] also stated at [redacted] in about January 1958 or possibly February, he was informed by a bartender who has since been discharged by owner [redacted] that a few minutes before he had come in, a man left his card bearing the name of Mr. WATERFALL. He said WATERFALL had asked another collector of a gun machine who was in the tavern at the time where his labels were and when informed that he had them in his pocket was told that he had better get his stickers on the machine before he "wrapped it up."

[redacted] stated he had never met WATERFALL although he had heard him referred to as "Red". He did not know how WATERFALL got his job as Executive Secretary of the CIAA and did not know EDWARD VOGEL.

He related that in the fall of 1957 there was a rumor that someone was taking over the operation of coin machines in the Hudson Avenue District. He understood at this time that location owners in this district were being visited by musclemen and told to get a union sticker on each machine or they would have to take them out.

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At about this time some of the operators stated at the meetings that what they needed was an association with teeth in it to enforce policies of the association and someone had mentioned that they didn't believe that the association itself was equipped to handle it and felt they needed the union to police the association. Therefore, there was a showing of hands of all those in favor of bringing the union in and this motion carried. He recalled that SAM GREENBERG was at this meeting as well as [redacted] and he believed that SAM GREENBERG would have been the person who would have approached the union to provide a man to run the association for them.

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He further stated that many coin machine operators employ [redacted] (EA 7-3866) and his [redacted] who are [redacted] coin machines and was of the opinion that they may know of locations where machines may have been damaged.

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[redacted] advised he is [redacted] He advised that he formerly had a bartender named [redacted] but that he quit sometime prior to Christmas, 1957, and that he does not know his address. He said he had no idea how to get in touch with him and knew of no one who could furnish his place of residence or employment. He recalled that a coin machine operator named [redacted] formerly operated a bumper pool table in his tavern and that an unknown operator had also operated a rifle machine here but that he no longer has this machine in his place and does not know how to locate this operator and does not recall his name. He stated he had never had any trouble with acid spilling on any of his coin machines and does not recall of any incidents or trouble over coin machines in his tavern.

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on 7/31/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/4/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] /ntb

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[redacted] Chicago, advised he works as a [redacted] for a number of coin machine operators and contracts [redacted] of their coin machines [redacted]. Primarily he stated he works for [redacted] their units and about six other operators. He related that he did not know of any coin machine operators who had their units damaged and stated that he had [redacted] any coin machines that had been damaged by acid or otherwise sabotaged.

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on 8/6/58 at [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/11/58

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Date July 29, 1958

Mr. LEONARD R. STRAND, 4845 North Winchester, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is the president of the Phonograph Service Corporation at 2436 North Cicero Avenue.

STRAND stated that he was a member of the CIAA, and that he joined shortly after the CIAA was organized. He has not paid any dues to the CIAA since September 6, 1957. Prior to that, he was paying $3 per quarter for the twenty machines, which this corporation owns and operates. STRAND stated that the Phonograph Service Corporation has nine employees, seven of whom are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, (IBEW), Local No. 134. These employees are men who service these machines and also service the juke boxes, which the corporation has located throughout the city.

STRAND stated that he joined the CIAA voluntarily because his business associates were members of the CIAA, and he believed it was good for the coin machine business. The main benefit which was received from the CIAA was that another member of the CIAA would respect an established territory or route. He stated that he has never received any threats and that none of his machines have ever been destroyed or damaged. He attended the CIAA meetings, at the Midland Hotel and at the Congress Hotel, before he actually joined the CIAA. At these meetings the speaker from the CIAA was either SAM GREENBERG or TED RAYNOR, an attorney. No threats were made to anyone at these meetings.

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STRAND stated that on April 10, 1957, he voluntarily went to the CIAA Office and talked to "RED" WATERFALL, at which time he paid him $60 for the stickers on his machines. He has never been to the CIAA Office at 165 East Ontario Street, and did not know at that time that WATERFALL and LARNER were the same individual. He is not acquainted with EDWARD VOGEL. He has not been visited or contacted by any muscle men from the syndicate. He was unable to recognize photographs of any of these muscle men.

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on 7/23/58 at 2436 North Cicero Avenue Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agents [redacted] Jr./pmm

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STRAND stated that about one and one half years ago, one of [redacted] visited [redacted]. On this occasion [redacted] last name unknown, told [redacted] that he had been visited by two men, who he could not identify, who told him to get the machine out of his place of business. This machine was not damaged in anyway, however, STRAND took the machine out of this location. STRAND stated that this was approximately three months prior to the time that he joined the CIAA. STRAND stated that last week he received a call from the new owner of the place at [redacted] who indicated that he put a new machine back in his place. b6 b7C

STRAND stated that to the best of his knowledge none of the proprietors of the locations were visited by any muscle men or received any threats. STRAND does not know of any coin machine operator who has refused to join the CIAA.

STRAND advised that his machines are located all over the City of Chicago, in conjunction with his juke box operation. His coin machines and the repair parts for these machines are all purchased within the City of Chicago.

STRAND stated that to the best of his knowledge, he does not know of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local No. 134.

SECTION III

INTERVIEWS WITH OPERATORS WHO HAVE PURCHASED COIN MACHINES OUTSIDE THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OR WHO OPERATED INTERSTATE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 31,1958

ELMER W. SCHMITT, Operator of the Photo Vend Company, 5400 West Cullom Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone MU. 5-5788, advised that he is in the business of operating Arcade type machines and Photo machines since 1933.

In September of 1957, SAM GREENBERG, President of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), asked him to join the organization. He was told that he did not have to join and that he, SCHMITT, felt that he did not have to join and did not feel that he would derive any benefits from joining, inasmuch as he did not "operate" in any taverns. However, he joined because he did not want to be the only one who did not belong. He joined the organization in September, 1957, at which time the association gave him 15 labels, which were good until October 1, 1957, as an inducement to join. At this time he was operating machines in excess of this number but practically all of the machines were the Arcade Type machine and did not require a stamp. However, to cover the amusement type machines, he purchased 27 labels around the first part of October, 1957, at a cost of $81.00.

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He is not a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and his two employees are not members. He stated that the employees had no reason to join because they work on the Photo machines only.

He stated he was not too much in favor of joining the CIAA, because he did not operate in taverns but felt that if all of the others were joining, it would be foolish not to join. He also thought the protection of the association would be good. No threats, either direct or indirect, were made to him to induce his becoming a member. His joining was entirely voluntary.

He was never called into the office of the CIAA on Ontario Street or any other office and talked to by HYMEN LARNER. He met SAM GREENBERG at the association offices at 188 West Randolph Street in Chicago when he first

Interview with ELMER W. SCHMITT File # 122-366

on 7/16/58 at 212 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated July 21, 1958

by Special Agent s GEORGE F. GILLEM and [redacted] /lds

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obtained the labels, but has never been talked to by anyone else in an effort to gain his membership.

None of his machines have ever been damaged or sabotaged, other than by the ordinary acts of vandalism. Approximately two years previously he had a Crane machine stolen from the C.T.A. station at Wilson Avenue and Broadway, but he was never able to determine who stole it. He did not believe it was "hijacked".

He did not know HYMEN LARNER and was unaware of his present whereabouts, nor did he know EDWARD VOGEL and did not know if either of them acted as representatives of the CIAA.

After viewing photographs of ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, FRANK ELDORADO, FRANK MUSTERI, TONY PANZICA, "TONY" MAENZA, [redacted] and EDWARD VOGEL, he stated they were unknown to him and he had never heard of their names being mentioned in connection with the CIAA. b6 b7C

As far as he knew, none of his location owners have been visited by any of the men mentioned, either as representatives of the CIAA or the "Syndicate". He stated that he had heard rumors to the effect that acid had been "dumped" on some machines but he was not aware of the truth of this information nor did he know of the operators who owned the machines.

He advised that he operates his machines along the North Shore Line stations, from Adams and Wabash Avenue, in Chicago, to Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He buys all of his amusement games and machines in the City of Chicago, with the exception of his photo machines, which he purchases from the Auto Photo of California, Los Angeles, California. He services his machines himself.

He knows of no payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), or has heard of any rumors of any being made, and has never heard of payments being made to "JUKE BOX SMITTY".

He stated that he would be willing to testify to anything that he has stated in this interview.

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Date July 24, 1958

Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Illinois, stated that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) for the last three months of the year 1957 when he bought [redacted] for [redacted] coin operated machines. Mr. [redacted] stated he actually [redacted] coin operated machines but desired to get by as reasonable as possible and therefore only bought labels [redacted] of these machines. Mr. [redacted] stated that at the time he joined the CIAA he was [redacted] and was operating coin machines as a side line. Mr. [redacted] stated that he now has [redacted] the coin machine route of Mr. GEORGE NICOL (now deceased) and he now operates about [redacted] coin machines in the City of Chicago.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that just before he joined the CIAA he talked to a Mr. WATERFALL on the telephone three or four times and Mr. WATERFALL attempted to get [redacted] to join the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that WATERFALL did not threaten him in any way but approached him more on the basis of a salesman and attempted to show him the advantages of joining the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has never had any coin operated machines damaged by acid or any other means but he recalled that in 1949 he had a machine hijacked from [redacted] located at [redacted] Mr. [redacted] also stated that he does not know of any other coin machine operator who has had machines damaged or were threatened or coerced into joining the CIAA.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is not a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 134; however he services his own machines and he does not know FRED "Jukebox" SMITH, EDWARD VOGEL, JAMES RINI or ALEX ROSS. Mr. [redacted] stated that although he did talk to Mr. WATERFALL on the telephone he has never seen him, does not know WATERFALL's present location and never heard of Mr. WATERFALL being HYMEN LARNER until the newspaper publicity concerning him.

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on 7/16/58 at [redacted] Illinois Date dictated 7/21/58

by Special Agent [redacted] cme

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he generally buys his coin machines from Chicago distributors but he does recall that about in 1953 or 1954 when all games in Chicago were shut down except the Chicago Coin two-player, he bought about [redacted] of these machines from a Cleveland coin exchange in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. [redacted] stated that when all machines were illegal in Chicago except the Chicago Coin two-player these machines skyrocketed in price in the Chicago area, however, in other cities they did not go up in price and consequently he bought from the Cleveland Coin Exchange.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he does not know of any connection between the CIAA and Local 134, IBEW and does not know of any payments from the operators by the CIAA to officials in Local 134, IBEW.

It is to be noted that in addition to the two foregoing operators whose interviews appear in this section, [redacted] whose interview is set forth in Section I, also reported purchasing coin machines outside of the State of Illinois. [redacted] whose interviews appear in Section V also reported out of state purchases.

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SECTION IV

INTERVIEWS WITH OPERATORS REFERRING TO EDWARD VOGEL'S CONNECTION WITH THE COIN MACHINE BUSINESS.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 31, 1958

JOHN JOSEPH LEPTICH, 5735 West Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he operates the City Distributing Company, and is the owner of over 50 machines, of the Arcade Type, which he has placed in bowling alleys in various locations in the City of Chicago. He also has amusement machines, as scales, bowling machines, pool tables, and similar type machines.

In 1955 he joined the Coin Machine Service Association, at which time he paid dues of 50¢ per machine. His reason for joining was that he thought the organization of the operators was a good thing for all. He joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in 1956, for the same reason. He was in favor of the CIAA, and joined voluntarily, there were no threats made to him, directly or indirectly, to induce him to join the association.

He operates the business solely with his father-in-law, OSCAR IERMANN, who was a vice-president of the CIAA. LEPTICH stated he was formerly a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), having terminated his membership therein on April 12, 1956.

He was never called into the office of the CIAA on Ontario Street or any other place and talked to by HYMEN LARNER or anyone else in an effort to gain his membership in the CIAA.

None of his machines have ever been damaged or sabotaged, with the exception of ordinary acts of vandalism.

He bought labels for his amusement machines, 30 at $3.00 apiece, twice, and at these times he went to the association office at 188 West Randolph Street, at which times he saw HYMEN LARNER, but had no conversation with him at those times, otherwise he did not know him, nor did he know of his present whereabouts. He knew "EDDIE" VOGEL, having had an occasion about ten years previous to try to put one of his machines in Morton Grove, Illinois, and he was told by the Chief of Police there that he could not place his machines in this town because VOGEL was barred from this town, and until he was allowed in the town, no one else could have any machines there.

Interview with JOHN JOSEPH LEPTICH File # 122-366

on 7/21/58 at 5735 West Waveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated July 21, 1958

by Special Agents GEORGE F. GILLEM and JOHN J. MOORE/lds

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After viewing photographs of ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, FRANK ELDORADO, FRANK MUSTERI, TONY PANZIKA, "TONY" MAENZA and [redacted], he stated they were unknown to him, and he had never heard of their names being mentioned in connection with the CIAA.

As far as he knew, none of his location owners have been visited by any of the men mentioned, either as representatives of the CIAA or the "Syndicate". He stated he had heard rumors that acid had been "dumped" on some machines but could not furnish any information as to who the owners of the machines were supposed to be or where they were supposed to be located. b6 b7C

The only individual who he knew that did not join the association was [redacted] and he stated that he had heard that [redacted] had been "muscled" up a little but did not know this for a fact or who the persons were who were supposed to have done the "muscling".

He buys no machines or parts, new or used, from outside the State of Illinois. Almost all of his machines he buys in the City of Chicago.

He knew of no payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134, IBEW, nor has he ever heard of any rumors of such payments being made.

He stated that he quit the CIAA because he did not like the way it was being run. He did not attend many meetings of the association because they met on Tuesday nights, and that was his night to bowl, and that when he asked others about the accounting of funds of the association, they merely told him they were unable to find out where the funds were going.

He stated he was willing to testify as to any statement made by him in this interview.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

On July 18, 1958 [redacted] telephone number AR 1-6347, was interviewed at the Chicago FBI Office by SAs VINCENT L. INSERRA and AUGUST C. KEMPFF after an unsuccessful attempt to locate [redacted] on July 11, 1958.

[redacted] advised that he is a partner with [redacted] which operates approximately [redacted] bowling and rocket machines. In addition to this, [redacted] the [redacted] which operates approximately [redacted] machines. He went on to say that he has been a member of the CIAA since its inception in 1956 and has only [redacted] registered with this association. He added that he pays $1.00 per month per machine, however, has not paid dues to this association in 1958 and has discontinued because of the newspaper publicity received by the CIAA. [redacted] further advised that he joined the CIAA voluntarily since he believed that this association would be good [redacted] ethics for the business. [redacted] explained that he has serviced coin machines for a long perdod of time and has heard of difficulty experienced by machine operators in their locations and when asked to join the CIAA he accepted without hesitation.

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[redacted] stated that the president of the CIAA, SAM GREENBERG, is a coin machine operator and a customer of his since he services about fifty machines for GREENBERG. He said that he is also acquainted with [redacted] who are believed to be [redacted] respectively, of the CIAA. [redacted] said that he is not acquainted with a HYMEN LARNER as being associated with this association.

[redacted] went on to say that none of the machines he owns or services have ever been damaged nor does he know of any coin machine operators or locations who have had any difficulty in this connection. [redacted] said that he is a member of Local 134 of the IBEW as well as his [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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on 7/15/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Ill. Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents VINCENT L. INSERRA and AUGUST C. KEMPFF/bjd

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[redacted] was exhibited photographs of RINI, ROSS, ELDORADO, MUSTERI, VOGEL, MAENZA, and [redacted] with negative results. [redacted] added, however, that in 1949 when the bowling machine was made legal, he received many offers for jobs as a serviceman. At this time he was [redacted] the [redacted] and gave service information over the phone to customers. [redacted] recalls having a telephone call from EDWARD VOGEL, who made him an offer to work for him as a serviceman, which offer was declined. He said that this was the only contact he has had with VOGEL and does not know him personally. b6 b7C

[redacted] further stated that his machines are operated and serviced on the south side of Chicago and that parts for these machines are purchased through Chicago distributors only.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 17, 1958

Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago, advised that he operates a route of vending machines under the name [redacted] He stated that to supplement this vending machine route he purchased a number of coin operated amusement machines and operates these machines under the name of [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] stated that when he bought the coin operated amusement games, which was in 1957, he inquired about joining the Chicago Independent Amusement Association(CIAA) and bought [redacted] labels for his machines. He stated that he was not forced into joining the CIAA but actually sought out the CIAA to become a member, because he believed that the organization was good for that business. As an example, Mr. [redacted] pointed out that Mr. [redacted] the location owner, [redacted] Chicago, wanted a pool table with larger balls, and Mr. [redacted] pointed out to him that his machine had a union label on it and intimated that no other operator would move into this location. Mr. [redacted] stated that because of the trouble he had with [redacted] on this point he called SAM GREENBERG, President of the CIAA, who told him he would send somebody out to investigate the situation at this location. Mr. [redacted] stated that whether GREENBERG sent anybody out or not he does not know because shortly thereafter he moved out of this location, inasmuch as he was unable to get along with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is not a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers(IBEW) as he had a service man to repair and service his machines.

Mr. [redacted] stated that about a year ago when they were [redacted] Illinois, he talked to the location owner by the name of [redacted] who advised him that he could not put his coin operated amusement machines in that location because [redacted] had been told by the County Police that that area was EDDIE VOGEL's territory.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/11/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/17/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT/LLS

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he was able to put in three toy vending machines in this location but there are several amusement games also in this location including a hockey game, three pin-ball games, and two electrically operated rifle machines. He stated that he does not know who owns these games.

Mr. [redacted] also stated that he was told by [redacted] of the [redacted] that he could not put his machines in as he had to take the machines of a certain party, whose name is not known to [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not wish to put in his machines, but wished to use the machines of the operator at his other location, but was told he could not do this.

Mr. [redacted] was unable to identify the pictures of JAMES RINI, EDWARD VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, and "POOPY" MAENZA as any persons he had ever seen or knew. He knew of no connection that EDWARD VOGEL might have with the CIAA. b6 b7C

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 15, 1958

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is [redacted] one year ago. Mr. [redacted] stated that before [redacted] was [redacted] JULIUS ZIMBEROF, from the Apex Amusement Company, approached him and requested the concession for the coin operated machines in [redacted] stated that inasmuch as the offer by JULIUS ZIMBEROF was a good proposition as far as he was concerned, and inasmuch as Mr. ZIMBEROF said that they had all of the big spots and had access to good equipment, he accepted his offer and at the present time all of the coin operated machines and juke boxes in his place of business are owned and operated by Apex Amusement Company. He stated, however that there is a different individual who services and collects for the coin machines and the juke boxes. He stated that when he needs service on the coin machines he calls telephone number FL 8-9833. He stated he does not know who the serviceman is accept that he calls him by his first name [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] denied that the county police, the sheriff's office, or any local police officer ever told him that he had to have Apex Amusement Machines in his place of business and he denied that he ever made such a statement to any individual.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is also [redacted] and that the coin operated machines in there are not owned or operated by Apex Amusement Company. Mr. [redacted] was unable to explain why he does not use the same coin machine operator at [redacted] as he does at the [redacted] but continued to deny that he was being forced to use Apex Machines.

Mr. [redacted] stated that no coin machines have ever been damaged at [redacted] except for a few acts of vandalism by young teenagers that play them.

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on 8/8/58 at [redacted] Illinois Date dictated 8/11/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] jd

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Mr. [redacted] viewed the pictures of

HYMEN LARNER	FRANK ELDORADO
ALEX ROSS	JAMES RINI
MICHAEL BATTIATIO	TONY PANZICA
EDWARD VOGEL	"POOPY" MAENZA
FRANK MUSTERI	[redacted]

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as persons he has never seen or known.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 8/6/58

On July 11, 1958, LEO ZAITLIN, 6920 North Sheridan Road, AM 2-1546, stated he operates as the S&L Distributing Company, and although it is a trade secret, he operates about 250 machines for First Coin, 1720 West North Avenue. He stated he has been in the coin machines business for 14 years and services and acts as a collector for First Coin. He advised that there had been five or six previous attempts to form a coin machine association in the past and that he did not join the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) until early in 1957, when he paid about $300 every three months for over 100 machines. He stated he joined the CIAA voluntarily and had no machines damaged. He recalled, however, that one CALVIN COY, a coin machine operator, had one new machine damaged. He also advised that one [redacted] of First Coin) allegedly had some damage done to his machines. ZAITLIN advised that in the beginning the CIAA was merely a group of operators trying to form an association and that after a while he understood that somehow the union had been voted in and were running the CIAA. He felt that this was probably done through SAM GREENBERG and that his liaison would have been through "JUKE BOX" SMITH.

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ZAITLIN advised in 1955, he had a coin machine at Funk's Tavern in Tinley Park and also a machine in a spot across the street from Funk's, and that he was informed that the machines in these places were EDDIE VOGEL's and that to avoid having any trouble it would be better if he took his machines out, which he did. He also stated that HY POLO machines had been taken out of Funk's in Tinley Park in 1955. Also, he stated that at [redacted] is a place owned by [redacted] who have been active for many years in this location and that they would be in a position to furnish information concerning activities in this area.

Interview with LEO ZAITLIN File # 122-366

on 7/11/58 at 1720 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/14/58

by Special Agent S PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] /jem

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SECTION V

INTERVIEWS WITH OPERATORS WHO HAVE CONTACTED THOMAS WATERFALL IN CONNECTION WITH THE COIN MACHINE BUSINESS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. PETER PASKO, who resides at 2245 Shakespeare Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he operates the P&S Amusements [redacted] PASKO said he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) about five years ago, about two years after he [redacted] who resides at [redacted] was PASKO's [redacted]

PASKO said that, at one time, he operated about 40 machines and is currently operating 32, all of which are in Chicago, primarily on the Northwest Side. Mr. PASKO said he obtained the locations by personal soliciting when he first started in business. PASKO said there had never been any coercion by anyone, demanding that he join CIAA, but he [redacted] received a letter, very friendly in nature, inviting them to attend a social meeting of the CIAA, in order to find out about the organization. He said at this meeting SAM GREENBERG explained the purpose of the organization and it seemed like a good idea at the time. PASKO felt that the joining would be to his advantage. He said meetings were held quarterly, mostly at the Congress Hotel, and included a regular business meeting where everything regarding operation of amusement machines was discussed, with the exception of what happened to membership dues, and what happened to money paid in for the stamps.

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PASKO stated that, as near as he can recall, about $20 was paid in initially, but he is not sure whether that was the total for [redacted] or whether he paid that much for himself. In addition to this, $1 for each machine per month was paid by check to CIAA. He said labels for the machines, for which money was sent, were received in the mail, and for about six to nine months, these labels bore only the designation of CIAA, after which they were changed to Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). PASKO denied ever being a member of Local 134, IBEW, and has no employees who are members. He said he has [redacted] who serviced the electrical operations of machines, but he does not know if [redacted] is a member of the union. PASKO said he has never been called into any office of CIAA and does not know of the address at 165 Ontario. He said he never had any machines damaged or sabotaged.

Interview with Mr. PETER PASKO File # 122-366

on 7/24/58 at 6257 West Tyler Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agent s [redacted] /mjn

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PASKO advised that he knew TOM WATERFALL as the person, who was contacted if there was a dispute over the location of a machine, and had the understanding that WATERFALL would contact the owner of a location and straighten out the matter. PASKO said he talked to WATERFALL by telephone on one occasion, when a location owner wanted a different machine but PASKO was unable to afford the type wanted, and when someone else put in such a machine, PASKO pulled his machine out.

PASKO viewed photographs of the following individuals: JAMES RINI, FRANK MUSTARI, ALEX ROSS, EDWARD VOGEL, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MENZA, and [redacted], but was unable to identify any as persons he had seen and did not recognize any by name. b6 b7C

He said he did not know of any of his location owners ever being visited by a CIAA representative, by the Syndicate, or by any muscle men, and does not know of any coin machine operator who refused to join CIAA. He stated all his machines and service for them have been obtained in Illinois.

PASKO advised that he had heard of a "JUKE BOX" SMITTY, in connection with the juke box industry but does not know of him ever being associated with CIAA. PASKO stated he would decline to testify.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 1, 1958

On July 21, 1958, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number SP 4-2511, was interviewed at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after an unsuccessful attempt was made to contact him on July 17, 1958.

[redacted] advised that he is a [redacted], working under the [redacted]. He said that he presently has about [redacted] in operation, which are of the bowling and pool table variety. He went on to say that he voluntarily joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), from its inception several years ago, at which time he registered about [redacted] with this association. According to [redacted] he thought this organization was a good idea at the time, since it gave the members a better understanding of the coin machine business. He stated that the charge for each machine at first was very small; however, it recently increased to a dollar per machine when this association allied itself to the union. [redacted] further stated that he is no longer a member of the CIAA since he discontinued making quarterly payments in 1958 when there was adverse publicity in the newspapers concerning this organization.

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[redacted] further stated that he is not a member of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), since he does not perform any electrical work on these machines. He said that he employs a service man named [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who services his machines and who is a member of the IBEW.

He went on to say that he had a pool machine in a tavern at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and shortly after installing it, an individual, who is also a member of the CIAA, placed a bowling machine at this location. Since there was a dispute over this location with this individual, whose name he can't recall, the matter was referred to Mr. WATERFALL during March of 1957, at 188 Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. WATERFALL told him that he would have to come to an agreement with the other individual at this location, and it was finally decided that the other individual would have to move his machine from this location, since he had unknowingly

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on 7/21/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Date dictated 7/25/58

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infringed upon [redacted] location. [redacted] said that this was the only time he had any misunderstanding concerning his location, and has not had any trouble since that time. He further added that he has not seen Mr. WATERFALL since that one meeting with him, and he is not acquainted with any other executives of the association other than the president, SAM GREENBERG. According to [redacted] none of his machines have been damaged at any of his locations since he has been a member of the CIAA, and does not know of any coin machine operators or location owners that have had any trouble in this connection.

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[redacted] was exhibited photographs of RINI, ROSS, ELDORADO, MUSTERI, VOGEL, MAENZA, and [redacted], without effecting an identification. He said that he is acquainted with EDWARD VOGEL and "JUKE-BOX" SMITH by reputation only since their names have appeared in the newspapers from time to time.

[redacted] went on to say that he operates his machines in the North and Northwest sections of Chicago, and that all of his parts for these machines are purchased through Chicago distributors such as First Coin Machine Company and Wico.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 6, 1958

On July 22, 1958, [redacted] of the same address advised that he was a personal friend of [redacted] Allied Coin Machine Company (CA 6-0293) who started him in the Coin Machine Business. He said that he bought [redacted] and financed these machines through the Exchange National Bank. He said he kept this distributorship for approximately [redacted] and then [redacted] with locations to a Mr. [redacted] (M 13-2941). He said that rather than go through [redacted] with [redacted] through a written agreement held by [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that he should join the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), which he did, however, did not belong to Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), because he had a serviceman who was a Local 134 member, service his machines. He paid this serviceman $1.00 per week, per machine, whether they were serviced or not.

[redacted] said he joined the CIAA at [redacted] suggestion in August, 1957. He said he made two quarterly payments to CIAA, totaling $90.00 which was for [redacted]

[redacted] said that he didn't know too much about CIAA and was neither for or against it. However, he joined voluntarily. He knew he had to belong to the association to operate his machines. This was told to him by [redacted]

He said that he was never called in to the association's office, however did go voluntarily on Randolph Street, to find out what the CIAA was and what his $1.00 per machine was going for. He said he remembers talking to RED WATERFALL although WATERFALL was in GREENBERG's office at the time. WATERFALL told him that the CIAA was an association to protect the operators locations,

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on 7/22/58 at 212 West Monroe Street, FBI Office, Chicago Date dictated 7/30/58

by Special Agent [redacted] /smm

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to see that no one else took over locations where he might have his machines and replace his with theirs.

[redacted] said that at no time was any damage done to his machines.

[redacted] said that he did not know HYMEN LARNER although he knew RED WATERFALL. He said that he telephonically contacted WATERFALL on one or two occasions at the CIAA Office. He did not know ED VOGEL, SAM GREENBERG, or any CIAA musclemen.

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[redacted] said that to his knowledge or recollection no representative of the CIAA ever visited his locations.

[redacted] did not know of any operators who were not CIAA members.

According to [redacted] of his machines were located on the South Side in Chicago and all were licensed by the City of Chicago.

[redacted] said he never had to buy any new machines or parts for his machines outside the State of Illinois.

[redacted] did not know of any payments or payoffs by CIAA to Local 134, IBEW or any representative or official of Local 134.

[redacted] said he would be willing to testify to any and all information furnished by him.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 24, 1958

MR. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, stated that he has been in the coin machine business since about 1950. He stated that he is in business for himself and that he has no partners, and does not front for any other persons.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) about January 1957 when he purchased [redacted] for his machines. He stated that he had approximately [redacted] in operation but did not wish to buy any more labels then [redacted] until he saw how the association was going. He stated that in the past several attempts to organize the coin machine operators have been unsuccessful and he felt that possibly the CIAA also may fold up. He stated that he has never attended any of the CIAA meetings but had met TOM WATERFALL at the office of the CIAA when it was located at 188 West Randolph Street. He stated that on this occasion he and another operator by the name of GERDY had a dispute concerning a location at [redacted] and that WATERFALL acted as an arbitrator of this dispute. He stated that at the meeting in the CIAA office, to settle this dispute, the location operator a Mr. [redacted] was present, also SAM GREENBERG, the red head office girl, SAM GERDY, WATERFALL and himself. He stated that there also was a big heavy set man, whom he did not know, who could talk Polish to Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that WATERFALL decided in his favor and he was the operator to keep the above location.

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Mr. WATERFALL stated that although he has never attended a CIAA meeting, it is heresay and general gossip in the business that the CIAA, after it was formed, had a meeting to get teeth into the organization. He stated a rumor is that in order to do this the operators decided to join forces with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134, and after joining forces with Local 134, IBEW, WATERFALL came into the association as

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on 7/17/58 at ~~Chicago, Illinois~~ Date dictated 7/21/58

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Executive Secretary. Mr. [redacted] stated that he understands the membership of the CIAA actually voted to have an agreement with Local 134, IBEW. Mr. [redacted] stated that he was not coerced into joining the CIAA and has never received any threats from WATERFALL or any other officers of the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that actually he felt that an association in the coin machine business was a good thing to prevent jumping of locations and he recalls that after he joined the CIAA he called WATERFALL with a "squawk" in that some person was moving in on one of his locations in [redacted] east side of the street). Mr. [redacted] stated that on this occasion he did not get any satisfaction from WATERFALL and since that time the building in which he had his machines has been condemned and he no longer has that location.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he has never had any of his machines damaged and he knows of no operator who did have machines damaged. He also stated that he purchased all of his machines locally. Mr. [redacted] stated that all of his machines are located in the City of Chicago and he has never tried to solicit locations in the county as he is afraid to do so. He stated that this fear arises from the fact that it is general knowledge in the coin machine business that EDWARD VOGEL has the county and to cut in on this business would be inviting serious trouble. Mr. [redacted] stated that although he does not have coin machines in the county he has heard that a Mr. [redacted] telephone number FU 5-8000, as late as last week had jukeboxes in the county.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he purchases all of his machines locally and that he does not know EDWARD VOGEL, FRED "Jukebox" SMITH, JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, and does not know of any payoffs by machine operators to officials of Local 134, IBEW.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 3, 1958

Mr. SAM GERDY, 8200 South Paxton, stated that he operates coin machines on the south side of Chicago and that he is a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA). Mr. GERDY stated that he had belonged to the Coin Machine Operators Association that preceded CIAA and joined the CIAA as soon as it was formed.

Mr. GERDY stated that he has only met TOM WATERFALL on one occasion and that was at the CIAA Office, 188 West Randolph Street, in April, 1957. Mr. GERDY stated that he has no idea as to WATERFALL's present location and does not know of any person who is familiar with WATERFALL's present location. Mr. GERDY stated that at the time he saw WATERFALL it was concerning a dispute he had with another operator by the name of [redacted] He stated that he and [redacted] had a dispute as to who should have the location at [redacted] and WATERFALL arbitrated this dispute. GERDY stated that WATERFALL's decision in this matter was made in favor of [redacted] and that ended the matter. Mr. GERDY stated that the last meeting of the CIAA he attended was in February or March and he did not see WATERFALL at this meeting. Mr. GERDY was unable to recognize the pictures of ALEX ROSS and JAMES RINI as any persons he has known or seen. Mr. GERDY stated that in addition to being a member of the CIAA he has a quarterly work card from Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Phonograph Service and Maintenance Division. Mr. GERDY stated that this quarterly work card costs him $10 per quarter and he needs this card because he services his machines. Mr. GERDY stated that he considered the CIAA a good thing and he has had no machines damaged by acid or other means. He stated that although he carries a current quarterly work card from Local 134, he never attends the Union meetings and has never been notified of such meetings. Mr. GERDY's work card No. 489 for the second quarter of 1958 is signed by ROCKWELL C. ANDERSON, President, and [redacted]

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on 6/10/58 at 8200 South Paxton Date dictated 6/25/58

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Date August 7, 1958

[redacted] advised he is in partnership with [redacted] and that they operate approximately [redacted] coin operated machines as the [redacted] at this address.

In about January, 1956, [redacted] of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and he voluntarily worked and served in an effort to make this association a success. He related that SAM GREENBERG was elected as President and that [redacted] OSCAR IREMAN was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee but he did not recall his exact position. b6 b7C

He stated he is a member of the Recorded Music Service Association as well as being a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

[redacted] related that he attended about two-thirds of the meetings of the CIAA and professed to know very little concerning how it was that HYMEN LARNER was put into the office of the CIAA as Executive Secretary. He stated he did not want to "get involved". He related, however, that he had given WATERFALL all of the books and records of the association and that he had never met WATERFALL before and did not know EDWARD VOGEL. He said that WATERFALL had not mentioned to him the manner in which he was appointed to the position of Executive Secretary.

[redacted] related that about 99 per cent of his equipment is purchased in Chicago, however, he did purchase a couple of 8 foot shuffle alleys from some unknown company in Ohio.

[redacted] related that none of his machines had ever been damaged as he had purchased CIAA labels for most of them and he did not know of any operator who had refused to join the association.

He stated in the beginning he had actually assisted in the operation of the CIAA for about a year when the dues were 50 cents per machine per month and they had about 35 to 40 members. He said that each month the dues paying members seemed to be falling off and there seemed to be a feeling on the part of some of the operators that they should have an association similar to the juke

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on 7/21/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/31/58

by Special Agent SA'S PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] jmg

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box association wherein locations are respected and location owners sign contracts with the jude box operator. As a result of this feeling, a motion was made and passed at one of the meetings to have the union assist the association in the operation of the CIAA. [redacted] could not state which operator had made this motion nor could he state who had gone to the union and secured the services of WATERFALL. b6 b7C

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 8/6/58

On July 11, 1958, [redacted], stated in addition to [redacted] coin machines he operates about [redacted] himself. He stated he buys about 70% of his machines from out of state and that [redacted] all over the country. Of the [redacted] that he operates in Chicago locations, he did not believe that any of these machines were purchased out of state. In particular, he stated he purchases machines from Valley Manufacturing Company, located in Michigan. He stated that he has a service man who takes care of his machines, and that this man is not a member of Local 134. He remarked that he did not attend any of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) meetings but that he did contribute some money to be used toward the purchase of hot dogs and coffee to be served at one of the meetings. He said that he purchased [redacted] to cover all of his machines and that he never had any machines damaged. On one occasion he stated he met WATERFALL at the CIAA Office at 188 West Randolph, on which occasion he was with OSCAR IREMAN who had some business with WATERFALL. He did not talk to WATERFALL, however. He recalled that OSCAR IREMAN had a problem concerning the removing of his coin machines from a bowling alley which had closed for the summer and he wanted to know if he would jeopardize his location if he removed his machines for only the summer. He was apparently told that he would have no trouble from the association on this location. [redacted] advised that SAM GREENBERG appeared to be the spark plug of the association and also that there was a close tie-in between the association and Local 134. He further understood from talking to other operators that at a CIAA meeting there was a hand raising vote of operators, which voted in the union to spearhead the policing of CIAA Policies and to enforce their decisions.

Mr. [redacted] advised the only person whom he could recall having his machine damaged by acid was [redacted]. He said he had seen this machine and that the acid had burned a hole in the cloth of the pool table about 12" across. He estimated the damage done to the pool table was $25.00 for replacing the cloth cover.

Mr. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] an operator, who can be located at DI 8-6358, was one of [redacted] the CIAA and might be able to furnish further information regarding its origin.

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on 7/11/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/14/58

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Mr. [redacted] had no idea how WATERFALL received his position with the CIAA and stated he did not know EDWARD VOGEL.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 21, 1958

Mr. [redacted] advised that he [redacted] played in a purely mechanical coin operated machine. No electricity was involved in its operation. Mr. [redacted] stated he had this machine approved for use in Chicago by Chicago officials and desired to obtain locations where these could be installed. He noticed an advertisement he believed by CIAA in the Billboard Magazine, a nationally distributed publication relating to entertainment activities, and thought they might assist in obtaining places to install the machines. He, therefore, went to the office, exact address not recalled, believed to be on Randolph Street, downtown Chicago, and talked to a Mr. WATERFALL. He explained to Mr. WATERFALL about desiring places for his machines and was told that the organization at its meetings might help in obtaining them. Thereupon, [redacted] paid by check $15 as requested by Mr. WATERFALL. The sum of $10 of this amount was for initiation and $5, said to be the minimum allowed, was for [redacted] machines which were expected to be put into use. This was said to be the fee for October, November, and December, 1957. Mr. [redacted] was given a receipt for the $10 initiation fee bearing number 183071, dated October 15, 1957, and stamped with the name [redacted] Local 134. [redacted] was also given a membership card marked as follows:

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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134, of Chicago. AF of L Electrical Phonograph Service and Maintenance Division.

The card was made out to [redacted] BA 1051047, [redacted] Chicago 44, Illinois.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he later thought this sounded like it might be fictitious. He attended no meetings and received no assistance in finding locations. Therefore, he never answered correspondence later received from the CIAA and has paid nothing further.

Mr. [redacted] stated a [redacted] Chicago, has worked with him in this enterprise, but [redacted] never went to the CIAA office, paid no money, and was never approached to join.

[redacted] advised he only placed two machines on location, both in Chicago. One has been discontinued as the building is being torn down; the other is located [redacted]. Both of these machines were placed in places operated by persons with whom [redacted] was acquainted. [redacted] stated he has never heard

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on 7/11/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/15/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS/emh:MDW

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of either of these persons being approached by anyone relative to joining the CIAA because of the machine or otherwise. [redacted] stated he would have been told if there had ever been any such demand.

[redacted] stated he was never aware of any office of the organization at 165 East Ontario Street. [redacted] stated he does not know any coin machine operators who refused to join CIAA.

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[redacted] stated he never heard of JUKE BOX SMITTY and does not know EDWARD VOGEL, JAMES RINI, FRANK ELDORADO, ALEX ROSS, FRANK MUSTERI, TONY PANZIERA, POOPY MAENZA, or [redacted] He also stated he did not know the person to whom he talked as HYMEN LARNER.

Mr. [redacted] stated he had not been coerced in any way to join the organization. He stated he would not desire to testify.

SECTION VI

INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER OPERATORS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 28, 1958

Mr. AMOROSO furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134:

He is a member of both CIAA and Local 134. He does not have any employees who are members of Local 134. He has been a member of Local 134 for the past two years and has been a member of CIAA for the past year. He operates 35 machines, which are scattered throughout the city of Chicago. The machines consist of both game machines and juke boxes.

He joined CIAA voluntarily and not because of either direct or indirect threats. He believes that CIAA is an excellent organization. He believes that CIAA's primary purpose is to protect the locations of the machine operators and that CIAA prevents other operators from infringing upon a location which has been established by an operator.

He has been to the CIAA office located at 188 West Randolph but has never met any of the CIAA officials. None of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged.

He is not acquainted with HYMEN LARNER and knows EDWARD VOGEL only by sight. He is not acquainted with TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, [redacted] FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, ALEX ROSS, and JAMES RINI.

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To his knowledge none of his location owners have been visited by muscle men of the CIAA or by any one representing Local 134. He does not know the names of any coin operators who have refused to join CIAA.

The machines are manufactured in the City of Chicago, and all the parts for these machines are manufactured in Chicago.

He does not know of any payments being made by the CIAA to any officials of Local 134, and he has not heard any rumors to the effect that such payments are being made.

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on 7/15/58 at 446 Rand Road, Mount Prospect, Illinois Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agent [redacted] and WILLIAM L. BAILEY/emh

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Date August 6, 1958

On July 23, 1958, [redacted] Chicago, advised that he has been a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) for the past 6 months and prior to that, a member of the Coin Machine Service Association. He said that he was also a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), however, does not have any employees who are members of CIAA or IBEW as he himself services his machines. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he became a member of CIAA approximately 6 months ago voluntarily and owns and operates [redacted] coin machines. [redacted] was never called into the CIAA office.

[redacted] has never had any of his machines sabotaged or damaged.

He said that he has been in the coin machine business for 20 years and knows of HYMEN LARNER from the newspapers. He said he also know RED WATERFALL and SAM GREENBERG.

According to [redacted] none of his locations have ever been visited by CIAA muscle men or anyone representing the Syndicate. He said if this were the case, none of his location owners reported the incident to him. In connection with this, [redacted] knows of no other distributor who has refused to join the CIAA.

[redacted] stated that he operates [redacted] coin machines on the South Side of Chicago and none outside the city limits or county. He said that he pays CIAA $1.00 per month for each machine operating in a location and pays $25.00 for a City License for each machine per year.

[redacted] stated that he has never bought machines or parts for machines out of the state and buys all parts from Atlas Manufacturing Company in Chicago.

He said that he knows of no payoffs or payments by CIAA to any official of Local 134 or "JUKE BOX" SMITTY and has heard no such rumors of such a payment.

[redacted] stated he would be willing to testify to any information furnished by him, however, is not desirous of having his business operation jeopardized.

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on 7/23/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/30/58

by Special Agent [redacted] mjn

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Date August 15, 1958

Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated that his [redacted] and that he had it changed [redacted] He stated that he operates [redacted] stated that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) early in the formative period of that organization, when a young man came to his store and asked him to join the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that this man was between 38 and 42 years of age, 5'8" or 9" tall, and had dark hair. He stated that no threats were made to him and he does not know the name of the person who solicited his membership. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has not had any of his coin machines damaged in any way either before or after he joined the CIAA. He stated that he has not attended meetings of the CIAA, and does not know the Executive Secretary THOMAS WATERFALL. He also stated he does not know EDWARD VOGEL although he has heard of him and knows of no connection he has with the CIAA.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he has heard rumors that he was roughed up a bit by musclemen in connection with his juke-box and coin machine business, but emphatically denied such rumors and stated that he was [redacted] located at [redacted] about [redacted] admitted that up until [redacted] he [redacted] along with his juke box and coin machine business, but stated that he has never had any trouble on this score and claims to have [redacted] for about the last eight years. [redacted] stated that he purchases his coin machine equipment locally and does not engage in interstate commerce.

Mr. [redacted] was unable to recognize pictures of

HYMEN LARNER
ALEX ROSS
MICHAEL BATTIATIO
EDWARD VOGEL
FRANK MUSTERI
FRANK ELDORADO
JAMES RINI
TONY PANZICA
"POOPY" MAENZA
[redacted]

as persons he has ever seen or known.

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on 8/6/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/11/58

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Date July 29, 1958

After an unsuccessful attempt to contact JOE BRENNER on July 11, 1958, BRENNER, 5024 North Harding, telephone number KE 9-4771, was interviewed on July 14, 1958 at the Chicago Office of the FBI by SAs VINCENT L. INSERRA and JAMES R. RUMPH.

BRENNER advised that he is a taxicab driver for the Yellow Cab Company, Chicago, Illinois and has been employed in that capacity off and on since 1941. He also stated that he is a self-employed part-time coin machine operator and owns for approximately twelve machines of the pool table and shuffle bowler variety operating in the name of Illinois Amusement Games.

BRENNER explained that during May, 1957 he purchased approximately sixteen coin machines from a [redacted] who at that time was a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA). Since these machines were registered with the CIAA, BRENNER explained that he continued to be a member of this association since its purpose was for each member to respect the coin machine locations of other members. He added that he is not a member of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) since he does not service these machines and employs a part-time serviceman named [redacted] who is a member of Local 134 and is employed by the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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He went on to say that he had about fifteen machines registered with the CIAA for which he was charged $1.00 per machine per month. His last payment to the CIAA was for the last quarter of 1957 and has discontinued these payments in view of the adverse publicity in the newspapers concerning the CIAA. He said that the initial purpose of this association seemed good and that he joined it voluntarily. BRENNER stated that he was never called in to the office of the CIAA at Randolph Street, but merely mailed his checks for his machines to the association and the appropriate stickers were forwarded to him. He added that he only attended one meeting of this association which occurred during the latter part of 1957. The only officer of this company with whom he is acquainted casually is SAM GREENBERG, President, and he is not acquainted

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on 7/14/58 at 212 West Monroe, Chicago, Ill Date dictated 7/22/58

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with a HYMEN LARNER, was.,"RED", THOMAS WATERFALL. BRENNER was exhibited photographs of EDWARD VOGEL, FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI and "POOPY"MAENZA without effecting an identification.

BRENNER further stated that none of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged at any of his locations since he has been in the coin machine business and he knows of no location owners who have been visited by musclemen of the CIAA or of any coin machine operators who refused to join the CIAA.

BRENNER said that he purchases his machines and parts for these machines at local Chicago distributors and that these machines are operated on the north and west side of Chicago.

BRENNER added that he is not personally acquainted with a FRED "JUKE BOX" SMITH, however, knows him by reputation through the newspapers only.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134:

He has been a member of CIAA since October, 1957. He does not have any employees, and he is not a member of Local 134. He operates [redacted] which are located on the Northwest and Southwest side of Chicago. He joined CIAA on his own volition. He believes CIAA is an excellent organization. He believes CIAA protects locations which are already established and prevents operators from moving into an established territory.

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He has only been to the CIAA office, located at 188 West Randolph, on one occasion. He has never met any of the officials of CIAA. The only individual that he met at the CIAA office was the CIAA secretary, whom he described as an attractive blond girl.

None of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged. He does not know HYMEN LARNER, also known as THOMAS WATERFALL, and the photographs of EDWARD VOGEL, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, [redacted], JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, and FRANK MUSTERI are unfamiliar to him. To his knowledge none of his location owners have been visited by muscle men of the CIAA. He does not know the names of any coin operators who have refused to join CIAA. His machines are manufactured in Chicago and are serviced by himself. He does not know of any payments being made by CIAA to any officials of Local 134.

Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/16/58 at [redacted] Date dictated 7/22/58
Chicago

by Special Agents [redacted] and JOHN J. MOORE/emh

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Illinois, [redacted] Mr. BENNETT LEVY, 6841 North Keating, Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] operated approximately [redacted] machines at different times and currently have approximately [redacted] out. [redacted] stated that, between two and three years ago, he and some other operators became interested in the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), which he understood to be for the purpose of maintaining locations and avoiding cutthroat competition by the owners of the machines. [redacted] claimed he did not receive any threats of any sort, direct or indirect, demanding that he join this association. He said he attended quarterly meetings at different locales in downtown Chicago and [redacted] the CIAA. b6 b7C

[redacted] made the statement that he has been a good friend of SAM GREENBERG, president of the association, for some time. [redacted] declined to state how long he had known GREENBERG, but said he thought GREENBERG had the best interests of the operators at heart. [redacted] advised that [redacted] he received and [redacted] received by CIAA. He also [redacted] CIAA expenses, including rental of meeting places, office space at 165 East Ontario, payment to an attorney of $200 a month, payment to an office girl and for refreshments at the meetings. [redacted] declined to name the attorney or the office employee, to whom payments were made, and declined to name the bank where the deposits were made. [redacted] stated he did not [redacted] to any union, and was not aware of any such payments having been made. [redacted] stated that, when the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Union became involved with CIAA, he [redacted] became disinterested because the [redacted] were too great, and he did not want to become involved with any union. He said he did not become a member of the union, [redacted] BENNETT LEVY, likewise is not a member. However, he said both belong to CIAA, and as far as he knows, LEVY attended a few meetings. [redacted] advised a [redacted] Chicago telephone AR 1-6347, who services the electrical operation of machines, is believed by [redacted] to be a member of the IBEW. He claimed he has no additional employees, who have anything to do with these machines.

[redacted] claimed he has never been in the office of the CIAA, 165 East Ontario Street, Chicago, and has seen TOM WATERFALL

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on 7/24/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agent [redacted] mjn

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on one or two occasions. He denied having had any dealings with Mr. WATERFALL, relating to operation of CIAA. He claimed he did not know the circumstances surrounding WATERFALL becoming affiliated with CIAA, and said that WATERFALL's function is that of a trouble shooter to settle disputes regarding locations of the machines. [redacted] stated he had no machines damaged or sabotaged in any manner. He claimed he does not know EDWARD VOGEL and could not identify photographs of the following individuals: JAMES RINI, FRANK MUSTERI, ALEX ROSS, EDWARD VOGEL, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA and [redacted], nor could he recognize the names of any of these individuals as any persons he had ever seen and does not know any of them as ever acting as representatives of CIAA. [redacted] stated that, as near as he can recall, he saw "JUKE BOX" SMITTY on only one occasion, he believed, at a CIAA meeting. However, he did not recall any CIAA funds ever being turned over to SMITTY.

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[redacted] advised that he has never heard of any owners' places, where his machines are located, having been visited by representatives of CIAA, by the Syndicate, or by any muscle men.

[redacted] stated the association did not have 100 per cent membership. Those who were not members were supposed to have been sent letters, which were followed up by a visit from a CIAA representative to explain the benefits of the organization. He does not know who made such visits or the persons receiving visits. [redacted] stated he had machines only in Chicago and various parts of the city, and all his machines are purchased from Chicago distributors and are serviced in Chicago. [redacted] declined to say whether or not he will testify without consulting his attorney.

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[redacted] advised he is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He does not have any other employees and he stated he is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134, and the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA). He advised the following concerning this company and the organizations:

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[redacted] operates and services juke boxes and coin amusement machines. He started operating juke boxes in 1953 and joined the IBEW, Local 134, then. He has met FRED "Juke Box" SMITH on two occasions, once when he joined and once when he was called into Local 134 office because he was using a non-union man to service his machines. These meetings totaled about fifteen minutes.

In 1956 he received notices through the mail of the organization of the CIAA and also noticed the union labels on coin machines at various bars and other locations. He attended a CIAA organization meeting in the late summer or early fall of 1956 at the Congress Hotel Pine Room, at which time he decided it was to his benefit to join inasmuch as all other operators seemed to be joining. No threats, direct or indirect, were used to his knowledge and no forceful methods were used to cause him to join CIAA. He cannot recall who the leaders of the CIAA were nor who was in charge of the meeting. He attended one other meeting at this location. He did not desire to associate with men in this group since he felt they were not desirable as friends.

He has heard of EDVOGEL through reading about VOGEL in the newspapers but does not know, and has not heard of HYMEN LARNER, SAM GREENBERG, or other people connected with the CIAA.

He does not know of any coin machine operators who were forced to join the CIAA, nor of any who had their machines damaged in any manner. He has not had any trouble in his locations or with his machines and feels since he is a paid up member of the IBEW and the CIAA that he will not have any "troubles."

He has been getting [redacted] for his machines from the CIAA, except when he first joined CIAA during the last quarter of 1956 when he was operating [redacted] He obtains his machines and parts from Colvin, Atlas, and First Coin, all of Chicago.

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on 7/21/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents JAMES R. SHEEHAN and THOMAS J. GREEN/LLS

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Should any information come to his attention concerning violations of interest to the Bureau in the coin machine or juke-box field, he will advise the Chicago Office.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 8, 1958

On July 21, 1958, CALVIN COY, 5021 North Normandy, advised that he began operating coin machines about the time that the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), was organized in 1955 or 1956. COY stated that he recalled shortly after he began operating that he received word that a meeting was to be held in the 900 block of Diversey, exact location and name of person whose home used was unknown, for the purpose of deciding whether the coin operators of Chicago should band together in some sort of protective organization. COY stated that he was favorably impressed with the idea and voted in the affirmative for such an organization which was subsequently established as the CIAA.

COY advised that this organization was a good thing for approximately one year at the end of which time meetings were less frequent and the original purpose of the organization appeared to be lost. COY stated that he received another letter requesting his presence at the Pine Room of the Congress Hotel for the purpose of inviting the coin machine operators to join the union, local 134. COY stated he did not know the exact title of the union except that it was an electrical union. The name of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) was mentioned and COY stated that was the union involved. COY was unable to furnish any specific information concerning the details of this meeting except to state that it was agreed that coin operators would join this union and COY on that evening agreed to join. COY stated that he did not feel he was coerced or in any way forced to join the union however, he never attended any meetings of the union nor did he ever receive a union card. He was unable to state whether the union had an official representative and did not know any of the officers of the local to which he belonged. COY stated that he was not sure whether there was any difference between the CIAA and the IBEW local 134. Adding that although he was a union member all dealings that he had concerning his machines and his locations were with the CIAA.

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on 7/21/58 at 5021 N. Normandy, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/5/58

by Special Agent [redacted] and JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR./pac

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COY stated that at no time was he ever threatened either directly or indirectly and that after the formation of the CIAA and subsequent joining of the union he did not fear for his location or his machinery. In regard to the above COY stated that at no time had his machinery been tampered with and explained that his mind was easier about the locations he occupied inasmuch as he had been given to understand that the organization of the CIAA and the union would protect his interest in these locations. He stated that prior to this time he had never feared concerning violence, merely the fact that his locations were open to any and all competitors.

COY stated that the name HYMEN LARNER was unknown to him and that he knows of no individual bearing this name who held a position in the CIAA or the union. COY advised that on two separate occasions he made a telephone call to CIAA Headquarters at 165 East Ontario at which time he spoke with "RED" WATERFALL. However, the nature of the conversations and the reasons for calling were unrecalled. COY stated that he could not recall making a personal visit to CIAA Headquarters at the aforementioned address.

COY advised that he was unaware of any visit that musclemen or other persons dealing in coercion might have made to any of the owners of his locations, or any of the other members of CIAA stating that he had no information concerning any CIAA member who had had trouble with the syndicate, union or CIAA. He stated that he could not recall any operator who had not joined the CIAA, at this point several photographs were shown to COY who was unable to identify any of the photographs as persons known to him or connected in any way with the CIAA or the union. Among these photographs was a photograph of EDWARD VOGEL. COY

stated that he knew the name EDWARD VOGEL as a result of newspaper publicity but did not know the individual personally nor could he recognize a photograph of him.

In connection with FRED "Jukebox" SMITH, COY stated that he knows the name but is unable to state whether this person is connected with the union or CIAA. Adding that although the name is known he has never met nor seen SMITH.

COY stated that he operates 30 coin machines and up until May, 1958, had paid $1.00 per month for 9 machines which entitled him to a label indicating membership in the CIAA. COY stated that he paid this bill quarterly but has made no payments since May inasmuch as he feels the organization and possibly the union no longer exist.

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Date July 30, 1958

ARTHUR COZZOLINO advised he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) when it was started early in 1956. He stated at its inception it was a good organization, as it provided protection for machine locations and helped to bring about the 60-40 split between the operator and the location. He stated he bought labels for 60 machines and still has 60 labels. He added, however, he has not paid for these labels for the second quarter of 1958 and does not intend to do so. He advised he is acquainted with FRED "JUKE BOX" SMITH of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and is acquainted with SAM GREENBERG, president of CIAA, who COZZOLINO stated was responsible for the 60-40 split. He stated he has no employees who are members of Local 134 of the IBEW, nor is he himself a member. He said he joined the CIAA voluntarily and was never threatened, nor have any of his machines ever been damaged or sabotaged. He added he has never heard of any of his locations being threatened.

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COZZOLINO stated he, on one occasion, saw HYMEN LARNER, whom he knew as THOMAS WATERFALL, but knows nothing about him. He said also that he did not know EDDIE VOGEL, nor does he know of any operator who refused to join CIAA. COZZOLINO informed that all of his machines and parts are manufactured in Chicago. He said further that he knows of no payments made by any CIAA official to any official of Local 134.

Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to COZZOLINO, and he stated he does not know of any of them: EDDIE VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, FRANK MUSTERI, JAMES RINI, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, and [redacted]

Interview with ARTHUR COZZOLINO File # 122-366

on 7/24/58 at 7633 South Morgan, Chicago Date dictated 7/28/58

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Date July 30, 1958

STANLEY COZZOLINO was contacted at the residence of his brother, ARTHUR, 7633 South Morgan Street, and stated he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in approximately August, 1956, when he became a coin machine operator. He informed that he is a very small operator and bought labels for only 20 machines. He continued by saying that, at the time he joined the organization, he thought it was a good thing because it provided protection for the locations and brought about the 60-40 split between the operators, and the locations. Further, he said that you were able to meet other operators and through this, sometimes were able to trade locations. He advised he has met FRED "JUKE BOX" SMITH, HYMEN LARNER, and SAM GREENBERG, but does not know anything about them. He added he does not know EDDIE VOGEL. He stated he joined this organization voluntarily, was never threatened, nor were any of his machines ever damaged. He said further that he never heard of any of his locations having any difficulty. He also said he knows of no coin machine operator who refused to join CIAA. COZZOLINO informed that all of his machines were manufactured in Chicago, as are the repair parts. He advised he knows of no payments made by CIAA to any official of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. b6 b7C

He concluded by saying he does not know any of the following individuals whose photographs were exhibited to him: EDDIE VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, FRANK MUSTERI, JAMES RINI, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, and [redacted]

Interview with STANLEY COZZOLINO File # 122-366

on 7/24/58 at 10218 South 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois Date dictated 7/28/58

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Date July 28, 1958

Mr. THOMAS T. DOROCIAK, 1621 North Humboldt Boulevard, Apartment 4D, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] on July 16, 1958, at the Chicago Office, at which time he furnished the following information:

He joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) voluntarily in June of 1957, and is a member of Local 134 (IBEW). He operates twenty-five bowling and pool table type machines. When he joined CIAA he was strongly in favor of this organization because it protected machine operators. He was never summoned to the office of CIAA, and his machines were never damaged in any manner. He stated that EDDIE VOGEL is not known to him, however, he recalled that one RED WATERFALL was identified to him by another machine operator as Executive Secretary of CIAA. b6 b7C

He knows of no machine operators who had been visited by musclemen of CIAA or any other one representing the syndicate. He also knows of no coin machine operators who refused to join CIAA. According to DOROCIAK his machines are operated primarily in the northern and southern sections of Chicago. He purchased his machines and machine parts from First Coin Exchange, located at 1720 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. When visiting First Coin Machine Exchange, the advantages of belonging to CIAA were brought to his attention by another machine operator. He stated he services his own machines, and is presently employed as a repair man for the Star Music Company, 2212 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated he had made no purchase of machines or machine parts outside the state of Illinois, either new or used, and he knows of no payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134. It was his recollection that he made three payments to CIAA for labels to be placed on his machines. He stopped making payments to CIAA voluntarily, and was never approached by anyone from this organization to continue to make payments. Photographs of EDDIE VOGEL and musclemen of CIAA were displayed to Mr. DOROCIAK with negative results.

Interview with Mr. THOMAS T. DOROCIAK File # 122-366

on 7/16/58 at Chicago Office Date dictated 7/21/58

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 8/6/58

On July 14, 1958, RICHARD ELISBERG, 1086 Skokie Ridge Drive, Glencoe, Illinois, advised he is regularly employed as a salesman for his father at the Michael Elisberg and Company, 337 South Franklin, Chicago (WA 2-4127). He advised that he has a great fascination for coin machines and operates about 10 machines as a hobby. He informed that [redacted] Emprie Coin Machines is a close friend of his and that it was through him that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA). He also stated that he had met SAM GREENBERG on one occasion when he played golf with him about two years ago. He said that he purchased labels for all of the machines he operated and that none were damaged nor did he know the names of any operators who had machines damaged. He said he joined the CIAA in the very beginning and thought it was a good idea as he felt it would prevent pirating of locations by other operators. After he read of acid spilling and other trouble caused apparently by CIAA employees, he stopped sending in money for labels and has not sent in money since April 1st. He commented that all of his machines are on the north side and that they are [redacted] Empire Coin Machine. He had no idea as to how HYMEN LARNER came to be associated with the CIAA.

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Interview with RICHARD ELISBERG File # 122-366

on 7/14/58 at 1086 Skokie Ridge Drive, Glencoe, Illinois Date dictated 7/15/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] /jem

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Date July 23, 1958

Mr. TONY ERICE stated that he lives at 2219 North 74th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois, telephone number GL 3-2343. He stated that he is the owner of the E and E Amusement Company, and operates coin machines in the city of Chicago. Mr. TONY ERICE stated that in November of 1957 he bought the coin machine [redacted] whom he believed was a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) but Mr. ERICE stated that he never joined the CIAA.

Mr. ERICE stated that this route consisted of 35 or 40 coin operated bowling games and pool tables. Mr. ERICE stated that prior to buying this route he had been collector and service man for A and A Swing Time Music Company, [redacted], and in this position he was a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). b6 b7C

Mr. ERICE stated that although he never joined the CIAA he recalls that shortly after he purchased the coin machine route he was moving into a tavern at 618 North Crawford when some man approached him and stated, that machine he was moving in was a pretty nice and pretty expensive machine and he should take good care of it. Mr. ERICE stated he asked this individual what he wanted and he kept repeating that he should take good care of his machine. Mr. ERICE stated that he then told this individual that he was a member of Local 134, IBEW, and that he should leave him alone. The only description Mr. ERICE could give of this individual was as follows: 5'7" tall, heavy build, and dark hair.

Mr. ERICE stated that he has heard that coin operated machines were damaged with acid at the Isle of Man, Rand and River Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, and he had also heard [redacted] had machines damaged.

Mr. ERICE stated that he does not purchase any machines or parts from out of state and that he does not know JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, EDWARD VOGEL, or any muscle men alleged to be connected with CIAA.

Interview with Mr. TONY ERICE File # 122-366
Corner of Jackson Boulevard and
on 7/11/58 at Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/17/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT/LLS

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Date July 30, 1958

Mr. [redacted] Chicago, was interviewed jointly by SAs [redacted] and JOHN T. REILLY, Jr., on July 22, 1958, at his place of business. He identified his residence as the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He stated he became a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in August of 1957, at which time he operated approximately [redacted] bowling and pool table type machines. He advised the business activities of this firm are operated by himself and [redacted] his partner. Both he and his partner are members of Local 134 (IBEW) at the present time. He stated he does not now operate bowling or pool type coin machines, but [redacted] coin operated machines at various places of amusement on the north side of Chicago. He pointed out he also operates about [redacted] of amusement games that are installed only at arcades located in the Chicago area.

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He strongly favored CIAA and felt this organization provided protection for the coin machine operators. He advised he was never called to the office of CIAA and that HY LARNER is not known to him. He never experienced an incident wherein his machines were damaged or sabotaged. He further related the name EDDIE VOGEL was brought to his attention when several local newspaper articles described VOGEL as a controling factor of pin ball machine activities in this area. He knew of no incidents where a local owner was visited by muscle men of CIAA and could recall no operator who refused to join CIAA.

He advised that all his machines are operated in the city of Chicago, and purchased his equipment and parts from companies located in this city. Photographs of EDDIE VOGEL and muscle men of the CIAA were displayed to [redacted] at the conclusion of this interview. He stated the pictures of these individuals appear completly unfamiliar to him.

Interview with MR. [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/22/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/24/58

by Special Agent [redacted] and JOHN T. REILLY, Jr./LLS

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Date June 23, 1958

Mr. FIEDLER stated that he operates coin machines in various locations on the South Side of Chicago and that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in October, 1957. He stated that about this time he received a telephone call from TOM WATERFALL, who asked him if he wanted to join the union. In this phone conversation TOM WATERFALL told him that if he joined and obtained the union label nobody would bother his machines and that all the operators would stick together this way. Mr. FIEDLER told WATERFALL he had only three machines, but actually he had some thirty machines. FIEDLER stated that WATERFALL told him it would be all right to join with the three machines and that later if he built his route up he could join with additional units and that his route probably would grow and be worth more money. Mr. FIEDLER stated that the CIAA had their meetings in the Congress Hotel about once every two months but that he only attended two meetings. He stated that SAM GREENBERG presided at these meetings and that he never saw TOM WATERFALL or HYMEN LARNER or ED VOGEL, JAMES RINI, "JUKEBOX" SMITH, or ALEX ROSS at these meetings. Mr. FIEDLER stated that he has never heard that ED VOGEL controlled the CIAA and has never been asked to go to Postl's Health Club to meet WATERFALL or anybody by the name of BROWN. b6 b7C

Mr. FIEDLER stated that he handles and services his own machines and sometimes employs a serviceman be the name of [redacted] telephone number Ardmore 1-6347, to service the machines for him. Mr. FIEDLER stated that he is not a member of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and he does not know if [redacted] is a member; however, he stated that [redacted] is not an employee of his but rather an independent contractor servicing machines for a specific fee.

Mr. FIEDLER stated that one of the largest coin machine operators in Chicago was the Empire Coin Machine Exchange, [redacted] He also stated that the First Coin Machine Exchange on North Avenue, [redacted]

Interview with NORMAN FIEDLER File # 122-366

on 6/10/58 at 452 West 76th Street Date dictated 6/13/58

by Special Agent (A) [redacted] saf

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was a large operator. Mr. FIEDLER stated that he believes an operator by the name of [redacted] Illinois, telephone Garden 4-7572, had acid thrown on his machines, after which he joined the CIAA.

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Mr. FIEDLER stated [redacted] Illinois, telephoen Garden 4-5028, was a good friend of SAM GREENBERG, the president of CIAA, but at the same time may be willing to furnish information on the operation of the CIAA.

Mr. FIEDLER stated that he only operates on the South Side of Chicago and that he obtains his machines locally and to his knowledge he is not engaged in interstate commerce in any way.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 6, 1958

[redacted] advised that he was a member of the CIAA until early 1958. He said the last dues he paid was for the first quarter of 1958. He said that he is an employee of [redacted] and operates [redacted] basis. He said that he is a member of the IBEW as far as he is an employee with the [redacted] is considered, but he is not a member of Local 134 as far as his coin machines were concerned. He said that he has no employees and that he has been a member of CIAA since the last quarter of 1956. He said that in 1956, he received a letter from CIAA suggesting that there was strength in an union and suggesting that he join the organization. He said that he joined the CIAA voluntarily, and that he sent the CIAA a check for his dues. He said that he was never called into the office of CIAA and was never talked to by anyone in a effort to gain his membership. [redacted] stated that none of his machines have ever been sabotaged, and that he does not know HYMEN LARNER or any of the other individuals appearing in the photographs which were shown to him. He said that none of his locations have ever been visited by representatives of the CIAA to his knowledge, and that he does not know of any coin operator who refused to join CIAA. He stated that he operates all his machines in the South Shore area, and that he buys all his machines in the state of Illinois and services the machines himself. He stated that he knows of no payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134 nor has he heard of any rumor of such a thing. He stated that he would be willing to testify to anything which he knows concerning the CIAA.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/25/58 at [redacted] Chicago 49, Illinois Date dictated 7/31/58

by Special Agents [redacted] emh

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Date July 29, 1958

On July 18, 1958 [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number RO 1-0952, was interviewed at the Chicago Office of the FBI. [redacted] advised that he has been in the coin machine business since the summer of 1957 and that he is [redacted] together with his [redacted]. Previous to this, [redacted] explained that he was [redacted] one and one-half years for the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, in the juke box business.

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[redacted] went on to say that during the summer of 1957 he purchased about [redacted] bowling game machines from [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. At this time [redacted] was a member of the CIAA so he [redacted] continued to be a member of this association from the time of this purchase. He explained that he had heard of operators having difficulty who were not members of this organization and decided it was best to remain a member to avoid any possible difficulty. [redacted] said that he continued to pay for twenty machines and made quarterly payments to the CIAA for the last two periods in 1957. He said that since the CIAA has received unfavorable publicity he has discontinued making these payments, however, still receives invoices from the CIAA. He added that he is a member of Local 134 of the IBEW since he also operates [redacted] juke boxes which he services himself. He stated that he was for CIAA when he first became a member, since it gave operators a security for their machines and a means of livelihood.

He explained that immediately after he purchased his machines from [redacted] he telephonically contacted the office of the CIAA and spoke with its President, SAM GREENBERG. In content, [redacted] furnished the necessary information to GREENBERG concerning the trade name and the machines that were to be registered with this association. He added that other than GREENBERG he is not personally acquainted with any of the other executives of this association. He said that he is not acquainted with HYMEN LARNER other than what he has read about LARNER in the newspapers.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/18/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Ill. Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents VINCENT L. INSERRA and WILLIAM F. ROEMER/bjd

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[redacted] went on to say that since he has become a member of the CIAA none of his machines have ever been damaged nor does he know of any coin machine operators who refused to join the CIAA. [redacted] further stated that he is acquainted with many of the location owners since he services his own machines as well as juke boxes and does not know of any location owners who have had trouble with musclemen.

[redacted] added that his machines are operated on the north and west side of Chicago and that all the parts for these machines are purchased from local Chicago distributors. b6 b7C

[redacted] added that he is not acquainted with "JUKE BOX" SMITH as being connected with the CIAA or Local 134 of the IBEW.

Photographs of VOGEL, MUSTERI, ELDORADO, ROSS, RINI and others were exhibited to [redacted] without effecting an identification.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised SAs RALPH R. HILL, Jr. and [redacted] on July 15, 1958, that he has been a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) since approximately October, 1957. He is [redacted] and also works on a commission basis for [redacted] is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134, and has IBEW card number 754, paid through June, 1958.

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[redacted] currently [redacted] coin operated machines, mostly of the shuffle board and pool table variety, manufactured by Empire Company and Monarch Company.

[redacted] stated he joined this organization (CIAA) voluntarily as a result of literature sent to him by this organization, stating the advantages of joining such an organization. He cited one of the advantages or benefits of associating with the CIAA as an attempt on the part of the CIAA to legislate a new license law whereby the permit for the coin operated machine would stay with the machine instead of with the location. [redacted] contacted SAM GREENBERG during the Coin Operators Convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago in 1957 and told GREENBERG that he would like to join the CIAA. [redacted] pays one dollar per month per machine and is currently paid up. He has [redacted] for a total of $75 per quarter.

[redacted] has never been called into the office of the CIAA, nor was he talked to by HYMEN LARNER in an effort to gain his membership.

[redacted] stated that none of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged.

[redacted] stated he does not personally know HYMEN LARNER or EDWARD VOGEL.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/15/58 at [redacted] Date dictated 7/24/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and RALPH R. HILL, Jr.. /saf

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[redacted] stated that to his knowledge none of his location owners have been visited by representatives of the CIAA or anyone representing the syndicate.

[redacted] said that he does not know of any coin operator who refused to join the association.

[redacted] said that his coin machines are all located within the Chicago city limits and are scattered throughout the city.

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As previously stated, [redacted] advised that he buys all of his machines and parts within the State of Illinois.

[redacted] does not know of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134, IBEW.

[redacted] said that he would be willing to testify to an authorized and legal body pertaining to the above.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

On July 17, 1958, [redacted] who resides at the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at [redacted] by SAs AUGUST C. KEMPFF and RALPH R. HILL, Jr., at which time he advised of the following.

He is a member of the CIAA, [redacted], and is a member of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

He joined this organization (Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) shortly after it was formed in the latter part of 1955 and has [redacted]

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He is for the association and joined voluntarily.

He was never called into the office of the CIAA or talked to HYMEN LARNER or anyone else in an effort to gain his membership.

None of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged.

He does not personally know HYMEN LARNER, EDDIE VOGEL, or any of his musclemen.

To his knowledge, none of his location owners have been visited by musclemen of the CIAA or members of the syndicate.

He does not know of any coin operator who refused to join the CIAA.

All of his machines are located in the City of Chicago and in the vicinity of [redacted]

All of his machines and parts are purchased and serviced within the State of Illinois.

He does not know of any payments made by the CIAA to an official of Local 134.

He is willing to testify in court or before a Federal Grand Jury regarding the above information.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/17/58 at [redacted] Date dictated 7/24/58

by Special Agent AUGUST C. KEMPFF and RALPH R. HILL, Jr./saf/PAS

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Date August 4, 1958

Mr. TONY HODINA, who resides at 3619 South Harvey Street, Berwyn, Illinois, stated that his regular occupation is that of a pattern maker at the Electro-motive Division of General Motors, McCook, Illinois.

He stated that in order to make a little extra money, he [redacted] operate approximately forty bowling machines and pool tables in the City of Chicago. He stated that although he lives in Berwyn, Illinois, he only has three machines in the Village of Berwyn. Mr. HODINA stated that he and his partner joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) from the very beginning of that organization. However, he stated that he was not threatened in any way to join this association but felt it was a good thing for the coin machine business. He stated that he has never had any of his machines damaged by acid or by any other means and stated that he has never met the Executive Secretary of the CIAA, THOMAS WATERFALL, and does not know what he looks like or where he is at the present time. He stated that on a few occasions he has called the office of the CIAA but on these occasions talked to the office girl. Mr. HODINA stated that to his knowledge, none of his location owners have been threatened by any muscle men and he did not recognize the pictures of ALEX ROSS, JAMES RINI, EDWARD VOGEL, FRANK ELDORADO, FRANK MUSTERI, TONY PANZICA (POOPY), MAENZA or [redacted] as any persons he had ever seen or knew. Mr. HODINA stated that he buys all of his machines from distributors in the City of Chicago and does not operate any machines outside of the City of Chicago, except three in Berwyn, Illinois. Mr. HODINA stated he does not know of any payments made by coin machine operators or by the CIAA to any officials of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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on 7/24/58 at 3619 South Harvey, Berwyn, Illinois Date dictated July 28, 1958

by Special Agent [redacted] /gmf

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Date August 5, 1958

[redacted] under the business title of [redacted] said that he had belonged to 2 or 3 amusement owners associations prior to his joining the CIAA. He said that he had not at first been sold on the idea and had discussed it with several of his friends who were in the amusement devices business and all of them had agreed that it probably was a good thing to join and support. [redacted] said that although he supported the organization by paying for the stamps which he affixed to his machines he was not convinced at the time he joined nor is he now convinced that the association either did him any good or any harm.

[redacted] said that he had first heard of the CIAA by receiving direct mail from them and that he recalls that the mail was addressed to him by a man named WATERFALL. [redacted] said that there were never any threats made to him, either express or implied and that he was never in any fear as a result of any dealings he had with CIAA. He said said that he always got notice of the meetings but never attended them. [redacted] said that he has not paid for his stamps for the last six months, that is to say the last two quarters and has no intention of paying anything further since he feels that the organization has now fallen apart.

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The interview of [redacted] was concluded at this point.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/28/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/29/58

by Special Agent [redacted] and WILLIAM W. STICKLE/pac

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Date July 30, 1958

Mr. [redacted] stated he resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and that his regular occupation is that of [redacted] stated that about last November he bought out the coin machine [redacted] which was then known as [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] stated that he received permission from Mr. [redacted] but calls his company [redacted] He stated he has [redacted] juke boxes out on location and [redacted] in his shop [redacted] and a number of coin machines. He estimates the total of pieces of equipment he has to be [redacted] He stated that the office and warehouse of his company is at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that when he [redacted] the Chicago Indenpendent Amusement Association (CIAA) labels had been purchased for the last quarter in 1957, and when he was billed for the first quarter in 1958, he bought [redacted] from the CIAA for his machines. He stated he has received the bill for the second and third quarters of 1958, which he has not paid.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has never been threatened indirectly or directly in to paying for labels from the CIAA and he never was called to the CIAA Office by THOMAS WATERFALL or any one else in an effort to gain his membership. He stated that none of his machines have been damaged in any way and that he does not know HYMEN LARNER nor does he know his present whereabouts. After viewing the photographs of FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, EDWARD VOGEL, JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, and [redacted] he stated that he does not know any one of these individuals and does not recall ever seeing them. Mr. [redacted] stated that none of his location owners have stated they have been visited by musclemen from the CIAA and he does not know any operators or location owners who have been visited by musclemen for refusing to join the

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/21/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agent PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] dan

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CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that he operates all of his machines in the City of Chicago and purchases all of his equipment from distributors in the city of Chicago. He stated he does not know of any payments made by the CIAA to any officials of Local 134 and he himself is not a member of Local 134.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has attended only one meeting of the CIAA which was either in January or February, 1958, which meeting was held at the Congress Hotel. He stated that 35 to 40 operators were present at this meeting and that SAM GREENBERG conducted it. Mr. [redacted] stated that he recalls at this meeting the officers were introduced and besides GREENBERG, he recalls the name [redacted] as being introduced but nobody by the name of WATERFALL or LARNER was mentioned. He stated that at this meeting he recalls a grievance committee of operators was to be appointed but he does not know if such a committee has been set up. He also stated that there was an attorney present at this meeting who resigned about the first part of 1958. Mr. [redacted] stated that he would be willing to testify to anything he knew about the CIAA, if called upon to do so.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 6, 1958

Mr. MORTON KALLISON, 4941 North Troy, (CO 7-1263), stated he operates about 10 machines under the name of MORT KOLIS. He operates out of his home. Mr. KALLISON advised he is employed by the Allied Distributing Company as a collector and that the 10 machines he operates is only a sideline. He remarked he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association(CIAA) in the beginning as he thought it would be beneficial to the operators as a whole. He said he bought 10 labels paying $30.00 for a three month period and that these labels carried him through the first of the year. Since January, 1958, he has not purchased any further labels and because of newspaper articles disclosing hoodlum connections and sabotaging of machines he has had no further connection with the CIAA. He related he had never attended a meeting of any of the members and that the machines which he purchased were all bought in Chicago. He said he had never met HYMEN LARNER, alias WATERFALL and had no idea how he came to be an officer in the CIAA. He also stated he does not know EDWARD VOGEL. He said he is not a member of Local 134 and that he does not service his own machines, this being done by an independent serviceman named [redacted] He commented at the time he received labels he had sent in cash to the CIAA office and that the labels were returned to him in a plain white envelope bearing no return address.

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Interview with MORTON KALLISON File # 122-366

on 7/10/58 at Kedzie and Montrose Ave. Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/11/58

by Special Agents ~~PAUL B. FRANKFURT and~~ [redacted] /LLS

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Date July 24, 1958

LARSON stated he has been in the coin-operated machine business since 1932, and that during most of that time operated in the Chicago area. He stated he had joined the CIAA in May or June of 1957, and did so on his own accord as he thought it was a good thing because the CIAA protects locations for operators. . .

He stated he had received literature from this organization prior to his joining and had talked with other operators, who were members and decided it would be good business to join the CIAA. He stated he could not recall the names of the operators he discussed this with.

LARSON related that he applied for membership by mail and received his labels and applications from the CIAA through the mail. He added that he acquired fifteen labels at the time that he joined the CIAA but admitted he now operates twenty-two machines.

LARSON stated that neither he nor any of his employees are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Number 134. He stated that he has never been to the office of the CIAA since he has joined this organization and does not know HYMEN LARNER. He did admit, however, that he has read about HYMEN LARNER in the Chicago newspapers during the recent past. He admitted also that he was in the office of the CIAA prior to his joining said association and that the only reason that he was at this office was that he was accompanying another operator who stopped by for a few minutes.

LARSON stated that none of his machines have ever been damaged or sabotaged. He further stated that none of his location owners have ever told him of any visiting by muscle-men of the CIAA or anyone representing the hoodlums. LARSON advised that he does not know any coin machine operators that refused to join the CIAA and that his machines are in the area of 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois. LARSON admitted that he has met SAM GREENBERG, President of the CIAA, but is not well enough acquainted

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Interview with ELMER LARSON File #22-366

on 7/14/58 at 8008 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated July 21, 1958

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with him to have any knowledge of him.

LARSON advised that his machines are serviced by the Miller Service Company of 5252 North California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that he pays this company $1.10 per machine a week for their service.

Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to LARSON and he stated he does not know any of them:

EDDIE VOGEL
TONY PANZICA
POOPY MAENZA
[redacted]
FRANK ELDORADO
FRANK MUSTERI
JAMES RINI
ALEX ROSS

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This interview was concluded by LARSON reiterating that he was not coerced or threatened in joining the CIAA, and joined purely on a voluntary basis.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 31, 1958

[redacted] advised that [redacted] M.E. LATZ, owned the La Salle Sales Company, 1510 North Waller, from about April, 1956, until she sold the company in November, 1957. [redacted] advised Mr. LATZ died of a brain tumor in September, 1957. b6 b7C

She stated M. E. LATZ bought the route or locations from Allied Coin, that there were about 75 locations. She advised he lost some of these locations after having the route a short time to Allied Coin.

[redacted] advised she sold the company to the Berman (phonetic) Brothers who had the company from November, 1957, till about April, 1958. She stated she does not know the location or any further information about the Berman (phonetic) Brothers nor their present whereabouts. She advised she had learned that Donan (phonetic), who she stated was a big outfit, now bought the company from Berman Brothers. She advised Donan is now located on Milwaukee, having formerly been on the south side of Chicago on Western Avenue.

[redacted] advised she did not handle any [redacted] in the company and had no knowledge of his route, locations or machines. She advised Mr. LATZ did join the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), however, she did not know his reasons for joining. She stated that she recalls Mr. LATZ received several unsigned notices or letters advising him to join the Association and that Mr. LATZ attended a couple meetings at a downtown location. She advised she was not aware of any force or threats toward Mr. LATZ and that there were no personal calls made concerning his joining. She stated she knows Mr. LATZ had some labels, but did not know the exact number. She advised she feels Mr. LATZ received nothing in return for paying these so-called dues.

[redacted] stated that she had heard that the individual who had a coin machine company located at 3800 West Division or Division and Harding never joined the CIAA and that he never paid dues. She stated she believes this is the Champion Company.

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on 7/14/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated July 15, 1958

by Special Agent THOMAS J. GREEN/lds

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[redacted] advised she could furnish no further information to her knowledge concerning the CIAA, that she did not know any of the persons connected with the CIAA nor anything about Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in connection with [redacted] La Salle Sales Company.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 8/6/58

On July 14, 1958, Mr. HAROLD LIEBERMAN, 5542 North Kedzie, stated he operated about 60 coin machines as the Liberty Sales Company. He reluctantly admitted he had attended two Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) meetings at the Congress Hotel, during the time it was being formed. He said he had never met HYMEN LARNER, alias WATERFALL, and did not know how he had received his position in the CIAA. He advised he did not buy any of his machines from out of state and that he purchased most of his equipment from DONAN. He said none of his machines had been damaged despite the fact that he did not buy labels for all of his machines. He related other operators suggested he buy labels for all of his machines to protect them but that he did not equip all of his machines with labels and that as soon as the CIAA began receiving bad publicity in the paper over acid spilling he purchased no more labels and discontinued any connection with the association.

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Interview with HAROLD LIEBERMAN File # 122-366

on 7/14/58 at 5542 North Kedzie Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/15/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] jem

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by SAs AUGUST C. KEMPFF and RALPH R. HILL, Jr. on July 22, 1958, and advised of the following.

He is a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), [redacted] and is also a member of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

He joined the CIAA approximately three years ago and operates about [redacted] machines. b6 b7C

He joined this organization voluntarily and not as a result of any threats, direct or indirect.

He has never been called into the office of the CIAA and talked to by HYMEN LARNER or anyone else in an effort to gain his membership.

None of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged.

He does not personally know HYMEN LARNER, nor does he know EDDIE VOGEL or any of his musclemen.

To his knowledge, none of the location owners for his machines have been visited by representatives of the CIAA.

He does not know of any coin operator who refused to join this organization.

All of his machines are located within the city of Chicago and mostly on the South and West Sides.

All of his machines and parts are bought in Illinois.

He knows of no payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134, IBEW.

Mr. [redacted] is willing to testify to a Federal Grand Jury or in court pertaining to the above.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/22/58 at [redacted] Date dictated 7/24/58

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Date August 11, 1958

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On July 28, 1958, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and has a phone number of Avenue 2-0500. He advised that at the present time he is a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA). He also advised that he has no employees who are members of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and that he himself was not a member of this Local. He advised that he joined the CIAA in September of 1957 and was operating [redacted] at this time. He advised that they were all pool tables for which he paid $3.00 per machine, per quarter. He advised that he joined the CIAA voluntarily stating that he felt that as long as all of the other operators were joining this association he thought he might as well go along with it and reap any benefits that may come from such membership. He advised that he did not join this association because of any direct or indirect threats. He advised that he was never called into the office of the CIAA on Ontario Street, Chicago, or was he called to any other place of the CIAA.

He stated that he had never been directed to appear at the CIAA office on Ontario Street or any other place by HYMEN LARNER, with aliases Thomas Waterfall and "Red", Executive Secretary of the CIAA. He could not recall the individuals who contacted him there concerning his membership in this association, but stated that it was general conversation between he and other machine operators.

He advised that at no time have any of his machines ever been damaged or sabatoged. He stated that his machines have never suffered any damage other than that caused by vandalism.

He advised that he did not know who HYMEN LARNER was, and further that he did not know of LARNER's present whereabouts. He stated that he knew of EDWARD VOGEL, but has never had any contact with this individual and that this individual has never bothered him in any way.

He viewed photographs of FRANK MUSTERI, FRANK ELDORADO, JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, TONY PANZICA "POOPY" MAENZA, [redacted] and EDWARD VOGEL. He stated that none of these men were known to him and that he had never seen any of them in the CIAA offices nor did he know if any of these individuals acted as representatives of the CIAA.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/28/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/4/58

by Special Agent GEORGE F. GILLEM/LLS

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He stated that as far as he knew none of the local owners have been visited by the above named individuals representing the CIAA or by anyone representing the syndicate. He stated that he did not know of any coin machine operator who refused to join the CIAA.

He advised that he operated his machines in the city of Chicago and has no central point from which he has his machines located. They are located in various places throughout the city of Chicago. He stated that he does not buy machines or any parts for his machines outside the state of Illinois. He further advised that he did not know of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134 (IBEW), such as "Juke Box" SMITTY, nor has he ever heard of any rumors of such payment.

He advised that he would be willing to testify to anything in this interview.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that Mr. [redacted] the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association, (CIAA), in April of 1957. At that time he operated [redacted] bowling machines, all on the North Side of Chicago. He said that he was in favor of the CIAA, and that he joined voluntarily so that he could get protection and not have to worry about his machines being forced out of a location by another machine operator. [redacted] stated that there are no other employees working for him in this business.

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[redacted] advised that he has never been called into the CIAA Office on Ontario Street, and has never been visited by any official representatives of the CIAA. None of his machines have ever been damaged, and he has never received any threats, direct or indirect, to make him join the CIAA. To the best of his knowledge, none of his location owners have been visited by any CIAA representative, nor have any received any threats.

[redacted] stated that he has heard of THOMAS WATERFALL and EDWARD VOGEL, but he has never met them. He stated that he was unable to recognize the photographs of any of the alleged muscle men of the CIAA.

[redacted] stated that he does not know of any machine operator, who has refused to join the CIAA, or who has been threatened in any way by the CIAA. He stated that he is not a member of Local No. 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, (IBEW), and he does not know of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local No. 134.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/22/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agents [redacted] Jr./pmm

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[redacted] stated that he gets his machines from the United Manufacturing Company, 34 North California, Chicago, Illinois, and he also gets his repair parts from the same place. He does not purchase any of his machines or repair parts out of the State of Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. NAVIGATO furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134:

He joined the CIAA in October, 1957, at which time he paid $30 for 10 CIAA stickers; each sticker is for a period of three months. He is a member of Local 134 and does not have any employees. He operates ten machines in the Northwest section of Chicago. He joined CIAA voluntarily and found out about CIAA from coin machine distributors. He believes that CIAA protects location owners and prevents non members from moving into an established territory.

He does not know any officials of CIAA and has only been to the CIAA office on one occasion which was in the Fall of 1957. He believes the address of the CIAA office to be 188 West Randolph Street.

None of his machines have been sabotaged or damaged, and to his knowledge none of his location owners have been visited by muscle men. He does not know if any operators have had their machines damaged.

He does not buy machines or machine parts from any organization other than those organizations which have their offices in Chicago. He is not acquainted with HYMEN LARNER and does not know EDWARD VOGEL. He is not acquainted with TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, [redacted] FRANK ELDORADO, JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, and FRANK MUSTERI and the photographs are unfamiliar to him.

He does not know of any payments made by CIAA to officials of Local 134.

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Interview with NICHOLAS NAVIGATO File # 122-366

on 7/17/58 at Chicago Office Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and JOHN F. GENIS/emh

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[redacted] advised he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in 1956, soon after it was organized, and stated the reason he joined is that he thought the organization protected the little operator. He added there was no stealing of locations by members of this organization; for that reason, the little operator such as himself was protected. He stated he does not have any employees who are members of Local 134 (IBEW), nor is he himself a member of this local. He informed his machines are serviced by the Miller Service Company, located on California Street. He informed that, when he joined the above organization, he got labels for [redacted] and is now operating approximately [redacted]. He continued by saying that, since the organization received all of the bad publicity during 1958, he has not sent in any money to this organization. He advised he was never called into the office of CIAA, prior to 1958, or since he stopped paying it. [redacted] said he had never had any of his machines damaged nor has he been threatened, nor has he ever heard of any of his locations being threatened. [redacted] advised that he does not know HYMEN LARNER, with alias THOMAS WATERFALL. He added he did not know EDDIE VOGEL. [redacted] said the machines he operates were all manufactured in the City of Chicago, as are the parts used for repairs. He also said he does not know of any operator who refused to join CIAA.

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A group of photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to [redacted] and he stated he did not know any of them: EDDIE VOGEL, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, FRANK MUSTERI, JAMES RINI, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, [redacted]

[redacted] concluded by saying he does not know of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134 and does not know "JUKE BOX" SMITH.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/24/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/28/58

by Special Agents LESTER K. ESAREY and [redacted] /mjn

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Date July 28, 1958

Mr. [redacted] furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134.

He is a member of CIAA and Local 134. He does not have any employees who are members of Local 134. He joined CIAA in August, 1957. He has been a member of Local 134 for the past two years. He operates [redacted] which are located primarily in taverns in the Northwest area of Chicago.

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He joined CIAA and Local 134 voluntarily and is of the opinion that he has derived benefits from both organizations. He learned about these organizations from the Chicago Coin Machine Company, 1725 West Diversey. He believes both CIAA and Local 134 protect established locations and prevent non members from infringing upon these locations.

He has been to the CIAA office located at 188 West Randolph on several different occasions. The only individuals that he has contacted in this office have been SAM GREENBERG, President of the CIAA, and the CIAA office secretary whose name he does not recall. The CIAA charges $3 for each sticker and the sticker is good for three months. Each machine must display a CIAA sticker.

None of his machines have been damaged or sabotaged. He does not know HYMAN LARNER and the photographs of EDWARD VOGEL, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, [redacted] JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, FRANK ELDORADO, and FRANK MUSTERI are unfamiliar to him. To his knowledge none of his location owners have been visited by muscle men of the CIAA. He does not know the names of any coin operators who have refused to join CIAA. The machines and the parts to these machines are all made in the State of Illinois. He does not know of any payments being made by the CIAA to any official of Local 134.

Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/14/58 at [redacted] Illinois Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and WILLIAM L. BAILEY/emh

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Date 8/6/58

On July 11, 1958, Mr. [redacted] Illinois, (TA 5-1764), stated he operates as [redacted] the location of [redacted]. He stated he purchased [redacted] labels for the [redacted] coin machines he operates and that he joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) voluntarily in the beginning without ever having attended a meeting. He said he knew little or nothing concerning the operation of the CIAA and had never met WATERFALL or had anything to do with the association. He said he utilizes the services of [redacted] to service his machines which are located on the north side of Chicago. All of his machines are purchased locally and none are bought out of state. He did not know of anyone who had damaged coin machines.

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He stated however, that [redacted] was formerly active in forming a prior association 3 or 4 years ago and might be in a position to know more about the forming of the CIAA.

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on 7/11/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/14/58

by Special Agent s PAUL B. FRANKFURT, and [redacted] jem

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Date August 6, 1958

WADE PERKINS advised he operates coin machines under the company name of Allied Amusement at 6106 Drexel Avenue, Chicago. He said that he does not consider himself as a current member of the CIAA as he has not paid dues for the past 90 days. He said that he is a member of Local 134 of the IBEW inasmuch as he operates jukeboxes in addition to the 25 other coin machines which he operates. He said that he joined CIAA when it was first organized. He said that he had joined CIAA voluntarily inasmuch as he felt it would be good for protecting his territory in his business. He said that he was never called into the office of the CIAA and was never talked to by anyone in an effort to gain his membership in the organization. He said that none of his machines have ever been damaged, and that he does not know HYMEN LARNER, EDWARD VOGEE or any of the individuals who appeared in the photographs shown to him. He said that to his knowledge none of his locations have been visited by representives of the CIAA, and that he does not know of any coin operator who refused to join the CIAA. He said that his machines are operated in all parts of the city of Chicago; and that he has one in Chicago Heights. He said that he buys all the parts for his machines and has all the machines serviced in the state of Illinois, and also buys all of his new machines in the state of Illinois. He said that he knows of no payments made by CIAA to any official of Local 134. He said that he would be willing to testify as to any information concerning this matter in his possession.

Interview with WADE PERKINS File # 122-366

on 7/23/58 at 6106 Drexel Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois Date dictated 7/31/58

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Date July 29, 1958

Mr. PINZUR furnished the following information on the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134:

He is not a member of Local 134 and does not have any employees. He has been a member of CIAA since July, 1957. He operates 30 machines in taverns and bowling alleys. These machines are located in every section of Chicago.

He joined CIAA voluntarily. He believed CIAA is a excellent organization. He has only been to the CIAA office, located at 188 West Randolph, on one occasion. He has never met any of the CIAA officials and does not know HYMEN EARNER nor SAM GREENBERG, President of CIAA. He does not know EDWARD VOGEL and is not acquainted with TONY PANZICA, POOPY MAENZA, [redacted], FRANK ELDORADO, JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, and FRANK MUSTERI. b6 b7C

He knows of no location owners to have been visited by muscle men of the CIAA. He does not know the names of any coin operators to have refused to join CIAA. His machines are manufactured in Chicago and are serviced by himself. He does not know of any payments made by CIAA to any officials of Local 134.

Interview with Mr. BEN PINZUR File # 122-366

on 7/16/58 at Chicago Office Date dictated 7/22/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and JOHN J. MOORE/emh

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Date August 1, 1958

On July 23, 1958, [redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone number CAnal 6-0293. He stated that he is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He said that he first joined the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) in 1956, several months after the organization was created. He stated that he thought it was a very good idea for coin machine operators, since it gave them some sort of security for their machines at various locations. At the time he became a member, he had approximately [redacted] for which he has been paying dues to the CIAA up until March, 1958, when he discontinued, since he is of the opinion that this association is now defunct.

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[redacted] states that he is not a member of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and that he contracts the service of his machines with a [redacted] on the North side of Chicago, and a [redacted] on the South side. He said that these individuals are both members of Local 134 of the IBEW.

He went on to say that he has never attended any of the meetings of this association, nor has he ever been to the CIAA Office in Chicago. [redacted] states that he is casually acquainted with SAM GREENBERG, the president of this association; however, he is not acquainted with any of the other executives of the CIAA. He further stated that he considers himself a relatively small operator of coin machines, and has had no trouble with any of his machines at any time. He further stated that he does not know of any individuals who were pressured into joining the CIAA, or any location owners who have had trouble in this connection.

[redacted] also stated that his machines are operated in the North and South side of Chicago, and parts for these machines are purchased locally in Chicago.

[redacted] Photographs of ELDORADO, ROSS, RINI, MUSTERI, MAENZA, and VOGEL were exhibited to [redacted] with negative results.

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/23/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Date dictated 7/25/58

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by Special Agents VINCENT L. INSERRA and AUGUST C. KEMPFF

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Mr. BEN POLONSKY stated that he is the secretary of the Hy Polo Amusements, Inc., which corporation was formed in 1956. He stated that this company is owned by himself and his two brothers, HYMEN POLONSKY who is the president of the company and DAVID POLONSKY who is the vice-president.

He stated that he and his brothers decided to join the CIAA when it was started. He does not recall who asked him or his brothers to join but they felt that the association would be a good thing in the coin machine business. Mr. BEN POLONSKY stated that he does not know HYMEN LARNER and he has never talked to him and has never seen him. He stated that they joined the CIAA voluntarily and that there were no threats direct or indirect to force or induce them to join. Mr. BEN POLONSKY stated that the Hy Polo Amusements, Inc., Company operates about fifty coin machines of the shuffle board and bowling type and that they did not have any juke boxes. He stated that when they joined the CIAA they purchased labels for their machines that were operated in neighborhoods where the "syndicate" operates. Mr. POLONSKY explained that to him this meant Roosevelt Road, close to Cicero, Illinois. He stated that they have machines in locations all over Chicago but they have none outside of the city and they buy all of their machines and parts from Chicago distributors. He stated that they have never purchased any from out of the state. Mr. POLONSKY stated that they have never had any machines damaged by acid or any other means and he does not know of any operators who have had machines damaged. He stated that he and his brothers besides being members of the CIAA were all members of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, inasmuch as they all work on the machines. He stated that they were not members of Local 134 prior to joining the CIAA.

Interview with BEN POLONSKY File # 122-366

on 7/9/58 at 1969 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/11/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] b6 b7C

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He stated that although the CIAA now appears to be in-operative and he does not buy labels from that association for his machines he still pays his dues to Local 134 which dues are $10.00 a quarter. He stated that he does not know "JUKE BOX" SMITTY, the business agent for the Phonograph Division of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, nor does he know EDWARD VOGEL except what he reads in the newspapers nor does he know JAMES RINI and ALEX ROSS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date August 6, 1958

On July 23, 1958, JOHN C. PRATL, 11432 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago 43, Illinois, owner and operator, Johnnies Amusement Company of the same address, advised that he was a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) and Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He has no employees working for him as he services his own machines.

He said he joined the CIAA when it first began as it was an outgrowth of the Coin Machine Service Association, of which he was a member. PRATL said that he joined CIAA voluntarily as he felt it was a worthwhile organization for the small operator which he was as he only operated 28 machines.

PRATL said he was never called into the CIAA office, however, did go into that office once on Randolph Street to pick up CIAA labels.

PRATL said he has heard of the name RED WATERFALL, although he has never met him. He said that he met SAM GREENBERG once at a CIAA meeting. He did not know ED VOGEL.

He said that to his knowledge, none of his locations were ever visited by CIAA muscle men or representatives of the CIAA.

He said that he had heard of several operators who were going to quit the CIAA; however, he did not know the identity of these operators or whether they did pull out or not. b6 b7C

PRATL said that 21 of his machines are operated in locations on the South Side of Chicago, paying CIAA $1.00 a machine per month. The other 7 machines are in locations in the County, namely Harvey, Stickney and Worth, Illinois. On these, he does not pay CIAA.

PRATL said that he did not buy machines or parts for his machines from outside the state of Illinois. Most of his equipment and parts are bought from other operators or United Games, Chicago Coin, etc., depending on what type of machine is in need of repairs or type he operates.

He said that he knew of no payments or payoffs by CIAA to officials or representatives of IBEW. The only connection he knows of CIAA with IBEW is the CIAA label with IBEW stamp on it.

Interview with JOHN C. PRATL File # 122-366

on 7/23/58 at 79th Street and Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated: 7/30/58

by Special Agents [redacted] njn

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PRATL said he knows of no operators who refused to join the CIAA.

PRATL said he would be willing to testify to any information he has furnished providing there would be no retaliation causing him to lose his business. By this, PRATL meant that he does not want to be the only individual testifying.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 28, 1958

Mr. [redacted] Empire Coin Machine Exchange, 1012 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed on July 17, 1958, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at his place of business. He advised that Jeffery Sales Company, Barry Music Company, Urecka Sales Company, and Elliot Music Company are all located at this address as subsidiaries of the parent firm, the Empire Coin Machine Exchange. He stated that Empire Coin Machine is a distributor of coin operating machines whereas the above identified subsidiaries are coin machine operators. He pointed out he is not a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) or Local 134, International Brotherhood Electrical Workers (IBEW), but the subsidiaries of Empire Coin Machine Exchange are members of CIAA and Local 134. He stated the employees of the parent firm do not belong to CIAA. According to Mr. [redacted] the subsidiaries of this company operate about [redacted] bowling type machines and [redacted] pool tables.

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He strongly supported CIAA, and personally considered it a benefit to coin machine operators. The CIAA also provided the opportunity for machine operators to become acquainted with one another in the industry.

He remembered visiting the CIAA Office on one occasion about a year ago, voluntarily, because his company had received duplicate machine labels. At that time he was briefly introduced to Mr. WATERFALL, Secretary of CIAA, and Mr. GREENBERG, an official of Local 134, but never discussed the operation of his business with them. During the [redacted] period of employment with Empire Coin Machine Exchange, he had experienced no difficulties with CIAA of Local 134. He stated he is not personally acquainted with EDDIE VOGEL, but recalled VOGEL was described by the local newspapers as a member of the syndicate who controlled gambling activities in Chicago.

Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # CG 122-366

on 7/17/58 at 1012 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/21/58

by Special Agent [redacted] MIT/ SMM

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Mr. [redacted] pointed out this firm recently established the Midwest Rental Company, wherein coin machine operators are given the opportunity to rent machines belonging to this company instead of buying a machine as was the original practice in this business.

Empire Coin Machine Exchange, he stated, also repairs machines, and currently employs [redacted]. A damaged machine occasionally is delivered to these premises for repair purposes he stated, but he could not remember nothing whether a machine was damaged or sabotaged. According to Mr. [redacted] all the machines are operated in the city of Chicago. b6 b7C

He knows of no coin machine operators who refused to join CIAA or location owners who were visited by musclemen of CIAA. He stated that all the machines operated by the subsidiary companies of this firm are obtained from the Empire Coin Machine Exchange. About three months ago he said he received the last set of labels from CIAA to be placed on his machines. He concluded by stating that EDDIE VOGEL and the musclemen of CIAA are unknown to him after observing photographs of these individuals.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] advised that he is [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The only employee he has in this business is one serviceman, who takes care of [redacted] which he, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is a member of the Chicago Independent Amusement Association, (CIAA), first joining this organization in January 1956. Mr. [redacted] to the first CIAA meeting, at which time [redacted] He paid no dues on these machines to the CIAA, however, [redacted] had already paid for these machines. [redacted] later [redacted] to a serviceman named [redacted] organized the [redacted] and now [redacted] He stated that in 1957, he paid dues to the CIAA at the rate of $3 per quarter, per machine, but he has not paid any dues for the year 1958.

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[redacted] voluntarily joined the CIAA, as he felt it was a business organization, which did help the machine owners. He stated that he had received no threats, nor have any of his machines been damaged or destroyed. The only time he has ever been to the CIAA Office, was when it was on Randolph Street, at which time he went to see SAM GREENBERG, to sell GREENBERG [redacted] juke boxes. He does not know of any coin machine operators who have ever refused to join the CIAA, nor does he know of any coin machine operators who have ever received any threats to make them join the CIAA.

[redacted] advised that his machines are all located in the Logan Square area of Chicago. Service for these machines are taken care of by his servicemen, who repair them and then get reimbursed by [redacted] The repair parts are all purchased in the City of Chicago.

[redacted] advised that he is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, (IBEW), Local No. 134, as he also owns and operates juke boxes in the City of Chicago.

Interview with MR. [redacted] File # 122-856

on 7/22/58 at [redacted] Chicago Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agents [redacted] /pmm

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He stated that he has never seen or heard of any payments made by the CIAA to any official of Local No. 134.

[redacted] advised that he does not know HYMEN LARNER, but that he has heard of THOMAS WATERFALL. He does not know EDWARD VOGEL. He has never been visited by any muscle men, who have threatened him in any way, nor have any of his location owners been visited by any muscle men that he knows of.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 29, 1958

Mr. [redacted] advised that he currently [redacted] Mr. PETER PASKO, 2245 Shakespeare Avenue, Chicago. He said he had [redacted] Mr. PASKO's [redacted] about a year ago. He stated that he and PASKO had [redacted] about [redacted] and currently [redacted] all in Chicago, primarily on the North Side. [redacted] stated there had been no coercion involving his joining the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA), but joined immediately when he started operating the coin amusement machines with Mr. PASKO, as he felt it was to their benefit to belong to this organization. [redacted] said he attended four or five meetings, but when adverse publicity began to appear in the newspapers, he discontinued attending.

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[redacted] stated that he has been making a payment of $1 for each machine per month every quarter to CIAA, the last check having been sent to them in January, 1958. He stated these checks are returned with the endorsement of a rubber stamp of the Chicago Amusement Association. [redacted] stated that labels, for which he had submitted checks, were received in the mail and bear the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 134, label. [redacted] stated he is not a member of Local 134 and has no employees who are members. He said he has a contract with [redacted] who serviced the electrical operations of machines, but he does not know if [redacted] is a member of the union. [redacted] said he has never been called into any office of CIAA and does not know of the address at 165 Ontario. He said he never had any machines damaged or sabotaged.

[redacted] advised that he knew of TOM WATERFALL as the individual associated with CIAA, who is supposed to be the individual who straightens out problems relating to the location of machines. [redacted] said he has not talked to WATERFALL and does not recall ever having seen him.

[redacted] viewed photographs of the following individuals: JAMES RINI, FRANK MUSTARI, ALEX ROSS, EDWARD VOGEL, FRANK ELDORADO, TONY PANZICA, POOPY MENZA, and [redacted], but was unable to identify any as persons he had seen and did not recognize any by name.

Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/24/58 at [redacted] Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agent [redacted] /mjn

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He said he did not know of any of his location owners ever being visited by a CIAA representative, by the Syndicate, or by any muscle men, and does not know of any coin machine operator who refused to join CIAA. He stated all his machines and service for them have been obtained in Illinois.

[redacted] advised that he had heard of a "JUKE BOX" SMITTY, in connection with the juke box industry but does not know of him ever being associated with CIAA. [redacted] stated he would decline to testify. b6 b7C

SECTION VII

MISCELLANEOUS INTERVIEWS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 17, 1958

Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago, advised that he has been [redacted] for Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) for several years but that he declined the [redacted], relinquished the [redacted] of Local 134, IBEW. Mr. [redacted] at the present time [redacted], but he stated he is looking around for some other work.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has no information concerning the relationship of Local 134, IBEW, with the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) other than the CIAA has signed a contract with Local 134, to use members of Local 134, IBEW, to service coin operated machines belonging to members of the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that when the publicity broke in the newspapers concerning the CIAA, he was at a union convention in Florida and issued a statement that he knew nothing at all concerning the relationship of the CIAA and Local 134, IBEW. He stated that when he returned, he learned there was such a contract as described above in existence.

Mr. [redacted] stated that of the time he [redacted] of Local 134, IBEW, no money was received from the CIAA. He stated that Local 134 receives its income from dues, initiation fees and other legitimate union functions, but no money for any purpose was received from the CIAA. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that the labels that are put on coin operated machines belonging to CIAA members were printed locally and paid for by Local 134, IBEW. Mr. [redacted] supposed that the labels were ordered by Mr. FRED SMITH, commonly known as "JUKEBOX SMITTY" and when the bill from the printer came through, it was paid for by Local 134, IBEW. Mr. [redacted] stated that the general practice is for Local 134, IBEW, to receive union labels from the International Headquarters in Washington, D. C. and such labels are placed on electrical fixtures and other electrical devices made by union labor. Mr. [redacted] did not know how it came about that "JUKEBOX SMITTY", the Business Agent of the Phonograph Division of Local 134, IBEW,

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/7/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/15/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] dep

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ordered the labels to be placed on coin operated machines owned by members of the CIAA. Mr. [redacted] stated that "JUKEBOX SMITTY" and all business agents of Local 134, IBEW, in the past have been appointed by "UMBRELLA" MIKE BOYLE, who until the time of his death just recently, had been manager of Local 134.

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Mr. [redacted] denied knowing JAMES RINI, ALEX ROSS, or any other hoodlums who have allegedly spilled acid on coin operated machines in the Chicago area. Mr. [redacted] stated that he does not know EDWARD VOGEL, but has seen his name in the paper on several occasions. Mr. [redacted] emphatically denied knowing of any payoffs by CIAA members or officials to any representatives of Local 134, IBEW.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 31, 1958

Mr. RAYNOR, an attorney with offices in Room 416, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, stated that in the latter part of 1955 he received a telephone call from a Mr. [redacted], that a relative of his, who was interested in the manufacture of coin operated machines, had told him that there was to be a meeting of the coin machine operators at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and that he, Mr. RAYNOR, may be interested in attending. b6 b7C

Mr. RAYNOR stated that he did go to this meeting but arrived late and did not hear any remarks made by Lieutenant [redacted] of the Chicago Police Department. Mr. RAYNOR stated that subsequently a meeting was held in the Midland Hotel which he attended and was asked to made a few remarks, which he did, but he was not elected to represent the association as counsel or executive secretary and that [redacted] by the name of [redacted]

Mr. RAYNOR stated that [redacted] was not satisfactory to the association and that he received a call from them some time early in 1956 and became [redacted] and [redacted] for the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA).

Mr. RAYNOR stated that he immediately began taking steps for the benefit of the association such as attempting to get favorable regulations passed by the city council, whereby certain games would be allowed to operate, such as pool tables and schuffle alleys, getting the right to transfer the licenses from one machine to another when it has been discarded for obsolescence and other legitimate regulations that would benefit the coin machine industry.

Interview with MILTON T. RAYNOR File # 122-366

on 7/22/58 at 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/25/58

by Special Agent PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] dan

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Mr. RAYNOR stated that at the meetings he recalled there was always an undertone or rumble of a desire to obtain some security and prevent jumping or pirating of locations. Mr. RAYNOR stated that this matter finally came in the open and he then suggested that disputes as to locations be brought to his attention and he would attempt to arbitrate them. He stated that this phase of the work then became so burdensome and time consuming that it was no longer profitable for him to act as counsel or executive secretary of the CIAA because he was only being paid $200.00 per month which he stated was the only money drawn from the treasury of the CIAA with the exception of incidental expenses.

Mr. RAYNOR also stated that this clamor for location security became more and more of an issue and about this time there was a rumble of trouble for the coin machine operators in the Hudson Avenue Police District. This trouble involved arbitrary loss of locations and damage to machines but the source of the trouble was not known to him. Mr. RAYNOR stated that inasmuch as he was unable to provide the type of protection needed for this trouble and inasmuch as the work involved became too burdensome for the fee that was paid, he became very disgusted with the CIAA and resigned about the end of 1956. He stated that while he was counsel and executive secretary for the CIAA, he knew of no illegal activities being carried on such as spilling of acid or sabotage of machines of nonmembers.

Mr. RAYNOR stated that when the CIAA made a contract with Local 134, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers, he was out and had nothing to do with that contract and does not know who negotiated it. Mr. RAYNOR presumes that the coin machine operators looked to the jukebox industry as an example of what could be done to obtain location security and he would presume that the officers of the CIAA approached PHIL LEVIN, who presumably would have referred them to FRED "JUKEBOX" SMITH who in turn probably drew up a contract for them and furnished WATERFALL as the executive secretary.

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Mr. RAYNOR noted that SAM GREENBERG, the President of the CIAA, and PHIL LEVIN, who at the time was head of the Recorded Music Association, were neighbors and were well acquainted with each other. Mr. RAYNOR recalls that he did attend a golf outing of the jukebox operators at which time he did see PHIL LEVIN but he did not discuss any association business with him.

Mr. RAYNOR stated that he does not know any man by the name of WATERFALL or where he came from and what his past connections have been. He stated he has heard of EDWARD VOGEL but he does not know of any connection VOGEL has with the CIAA.

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[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Illinois, advised that she had [redacted] who formerly [redacted] the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA). [redacted] stated that [redacted] an ad in the "Chicago Tribune" and [redacted] for the CIAA about a [redacted] 1956. She stated that she went with [redacted] to the office of the CIAA at 188 West Randolph Street, where [redacted] was interviewed by a tall, sandy haired man by the name of Mr. WATERFALL. She stated that [redacted] told her that she had [redacted] to do and for this reason was able to [redacted] and did some of [redacted] of the CIAA. [redacted] stated that [redacted] remained in [redacted] until sometime around the latter part of December, 1957.

[redacted] stated that since the newspaper notoriety concerning the CIAA, [redacted] has been under [redacted] and she did not feel that she should be interviewed by Agents of the FBI at this time. [redacted] explained that [redacted] has been interviewed by investigators for the Senate Select Committee and has lost her voice due to the emotional and nervous tension that the notoriety of the CIAA has brought to her. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is employed by the [redacted] with offices in the [redacted] Building and she stated that if in the opinion of [redacted] she is well enough to be interviewed sometime in the future, she would contact the FBI Office in Chicago.

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Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/7/58 at [redacted] Illinois Date dictated 7/11/58

by Special Agent [redacted]
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SECTION VIII

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE HYMEN LARNER

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Date June 19, 1958

SAM LARNER stated that he still has the furniture of his brother HYMEN in his basement and has not received any instructions or any communication as to what should be done with it. He stated that when the furniture is moved he will notify the Chicago Office.

Interview with SAM LARNER File # 122-366

on 6/2/58 at 4710 Touhy Avenue, Lincolnwood Date dictated 6/13/58

by Special Agent (A) [redacted] /saf/gms

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Date July 7, 1958

Mr. [redacted] First Coin Machine Exchange Company, 1750 West North Avenue, stated that he was not [redacted] of coin machines but that he [redacted] of such machines and [redacted] He stated that he is the [redacted] the Chicago Coin Machine Company for the States of Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, and Illinois.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he does not know HYMAN LARNER, does not know what he looks like, never talked to him, and does not know his present whereabouts.

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on 6/30/58 at 1750 West North Ave., Chicago Date dictated 6/27/58

by Special Agent [redacted] bjd/gms

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Date July 7, 1958

Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, stated he was in the [redacted] and also stated that he and HYMEN LARNER were good friends. He stated that the last time he saw HYMEN LARNER was about three weeks ago but he refused to tell where he saw LARNER. [redacted] stated that LARNER did not contact him but that a mutual friend of theirs called him and told him to meet HYMEN LARNER at a place which [redacted] refused to identify. Mr. [redacted] also refused to state whether he would attempt to recontact LARNER and advise him of the fact that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were searching for him. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that his business phone is KE 9-7437 and his residence phone is CO 7-9249 (unlisted).

Interview with [redacted] File # 122-366

on 6/10/58 at [redacted] Chicago Date dictated 6/27/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT/bjd;MDW;gms

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date July 23, 1958

Mrs. [redacted] stated she resides at [redacted] Chicago, and that she was [redacted] to Mr. RUE MENKEN. She stated she was employed by the Chicago Independent Amusement Association (CIAA) from about the latter part of [redacted] She stated that her employment with the CIAA was for approximately [redacted] and that she was hired by Mr. SAM GREENBERG, President of the CIAA. She stated that her hours of employment were from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and that her principal duty was to [redacted] b6 b7C

She stated that she first began working in the office of the CIAA at 188 West Randolph Street and then moved to 165 East Ontario Street about [redacted] when the CIAA took an office at that address.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she did not know TOM WATERFALL, the Executive Secretary of the CIAA and he never came into the office while she was working there. She stated that she does know HYMEN LARNER, whom she met in the office [redacted] RUE MENKEN. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she never knew HYMEN LARNER as TOM WATERFALL and did not know he was in the CIAA.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] worked for the CIAA for the [redacted] while she was there, and that [redacted] her paycheck, but she does not recall any other name on the check other than SAM GREENBERG. Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] apparently worked in some other office of the CIAA where the paychecks were made up, because she did not have any books or records in the office where she worked.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she does not know EDWARD VOGEL, JAMES RINI, or ALEX ROSS, and was unable to identify their pictures with any person she saw around the CIAA Office.

Interview with Mrs. [redacted] File # 122-366

on 7/10/58 at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/17/58

by Special Agents [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT /LLS

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Mr. [redacted], stated that he represents several investors in the [redacted] He stated that he [redacted] RUE MENKEN who walked into his office one day and requested that [redacted] for him in a matter [redacted] of the [redacted], Mr. [redacted] stated that from this beginning he has come to represent practically all of the [redacted], Mr. [redacted] consulted his daily reports which showed that on May 22, and May 23, 1958, he went to [redacted] and had a conference with Mr. [redacted], Mr. [redacted] stated that his records also showed that on May 27, 1958, the "MENKEN" group of investors met in his office from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He stated that shortly after the meeting started, HYMEN LARNER walked into the meeting and stayed all afternoon. Mr. [redacted] stated that there were [redacted]. He stated that HYMEN LARNER has a 5/96 interest in the working interest of the lease and the only address he has for him is Miami Beach, Florida. He stated that all of the investors are not personally acquainted with one another but he associates HYMEN LARNER with [redacted] Miami Beach, Florida, and with RUE MENKEN, 163 Ontario Street. He stated that HYMEN LARNER has called him on three or four occasions relative to this matter sometimes from a long distance pay telephone. He stated that he knows some of LARNER's calls are from a long distance pay telephone because he can hear the money being dropped into the telephone. Mr. [redacted] stated that the last time he has seen HYMEN LARNER was on July 3, 1958, when he had lunch with him and RUE MENKEN at [redacted] at [redacted].

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on 7/7/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/11/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted]
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Mr. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as he is the [redacted] HYMEN LARNER along with [redacted] he does not feel that he can advise the Chicago FBI Office of any contacts he may have in the future with HYMEN LARNER but he stated that he does not desire any hoodlum business and for this reason indicated that he was intending to advise HYMEN LARNER the next time he calls him that he should not contact him at his office.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that his work on [redacted] was completed and that in future meetings would have to be called by the Executive Committee of the investors of which [redacted] is the chairman. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, the interests in the [redacted] by Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. RUE MENKEN who operates under the name of Rue Menken and Company, 163 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois, on July 7, 1958, stated that in connection with an oil well deal known as the Bone Lease in Caldwell County in Ohio. [redacted] He stated that in connection with this matter, a meeting was called in Mr. [redacted] office on May 27, 1958, at which some [redacted] were present. He stated that while this meeting was in progress, Mr. HYMEN LARNER, one of the investors in the deal, walked into the meeting and remained at the meeting for the entire afternoon. Mr. MENKEN stated that HYMEN LARNER did not come to visit him or any other investor at this meeting but merely looked out for his own private investment. Mr. MENKEN stated that he does not know where HYMEN LARNER is at the present time nor does he know where he is living at the present time.

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On July 9, 1958, Mr. MENKEN stated that the meeting in Mr. [redacted] was not the last time he had seen HYMEN LARNER but that on July 5, 1958, he received a call from HYMEN LARNER in the early part of the afternoon at which time HYMEN LARNER stated he wished to see him and made arrangements to meet him at a drug store at the corner of Peterson and Ridge Avenue. Mr. MENKEN stated that he took a cab to Peterson and Ridge Avenue, and he was picked up by HYMEN LARNER who was driving a light color automobile that he recalled as being air conditioned. Mr. MENKEN stated that he does not recall what make of automobile HYMEN LARNER was driving.

Interview with RUE MENKEN File # 122-366

on 7/7,9/58 at 163 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 7/11/58

by Special Agent [redacted]

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He stated that he and HYMEN LARNER drove around town for about an hour discussing the Bone Lease oil proposition and then LARNER let him off at the corner of Belmont and Clark. RUE MENKEN again stated he has no idea where LARNER is living or his present whereabouts.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date June 23, 1958

RUE MENKEN stated that he has not seen HYMEN LARNER for about five months. He stated that he was introduced to HYMEN LARNER by [redacted] also known as [redacted] of California. He stated he does not know [redacted] present location but stated he has [redacted] in Chicago by the name of [redacted] address unknown, but that the [redacted]

RUE MENKEN stated that he has been in oil well leases with HYMEN LARNER and made available a letter dated September 20, 1956, from ROSS E. BORDERS to participants in the Gregory Lease of Labette County, Kansas. This letter made available by Mr. MENKEN shows the following individuals participated in this lease:

Mr. [redacted]
Smolan State Bank
Smolan, Kansas

Mrs. [redacted]
Smolan, Kansas

Mr. [redacted]
Cawker City, Kansas

Mr. [redacted]
Salina, Kansas

Mr. [redacted]
Salina, Kansas

Mrs. [redacted]
Lafayette, Louisiana

Mr. HY LARNER
1290 Northeast 101st Street
Miami Shore, Florida

Mr. RUE MENKEN
163 East Ontario Street
Chicago, Illinois

Interview with RUE MENKEN File # 122-366 b6 - b7C

on 6/6/58 at 163 West Ontario Date dictated 6/13/58

by Special Agents PAUL B. FRANKFURT and (A) [redacted] saf/gms

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Miss [redacted]

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Mr. MENKEN stated that the Gregory Lease syndicate is now bankrupt and out of business.

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On July 21, 1958, Mr. [redacted] at [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the [redacted] were having a meeting in the Bullfight Room in the Sherman Hotel, on July 29, 1958, and that the meeting was called to ratify an agreement and that all investors had to sign the agreement before any money could be distributed to the various investors. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and PAUL B. FRANKFURT that he had sent a notice of this meeting to HYMEN LARNER, Miami Shores, Florida, which letter had been returned "unclaimed", and that immediately prior to the purposed meeting, LARNER's proxy had not been received. HYMEN LARNER was not observed entering the Bullfight Room for this meeting and immediately following the meeting, Mr. [redacted] advised Agents [redacted] and FRANKFURT that LARNER did not show up at the meeting, but that RUE MENKEN came to the meeting with HYMEN LARNER's proxy and signed the agreement for LARNER.

On August 4, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] made available the proxy of HYMEN LARNER, which was presented at the [redacted] meeting on July 29, 1958. This proxy signed by HYMEN LARNER was notorized on July 28, 1958, by Notary Public [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

On August 6, 1958, Mr. CHARLES F. BAGSHAW, Owner of the South Shore Currency Exchange at 2110 East 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SAs [redacted] and FRANKFURT that [redacted] was on vacation, but could be reached at her home, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

On August 6, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and FRANKFURT that she recalls notorizing a proxy on July 28, 1958, and she was of the opinion that the person for whom she notorized the proxy also obtained a driver's license at the currency exchange at the same time. Mrs. [redacted] was unable to recall what this individual looked like other than he wore a sport shirt, was holding his glasses in his hand, and apparently had used them while writing out the application for the driver's license, and he complained about the type of pens available at the currency exchange.

On August 7, 1958, Mr. CHARLES F. BAGSHAW, made available the records of the South Shore Currency Exchange to SAs FRANKFURT and [redacted] and it was ascertained that the money orders that were sent to the Secretary of State were for a driver's license for an E.L. LEENHER, 8850 South Harper Street, Chicago, and also for an [redacted] address not shown. It was ascertained that E.L. LEENHER of 8850 South Harper is employed by the Oscar Mayer and Company of 1241 North Sedgewick, and on August 11, 1958, Mr. [redacted] advised that EDWARD L. LEENHER of 8850 South Harper has been a truck driver for that company since, 1955. b6 b7C

The Springfield Office has advised that License number [redacted] was issued by the Secretary of State to [redacted] Chicago.

On August 11, 1958, Mrs. [redacted] Chicago, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] is a Negro man who rooms with her, but whose home is in [redacted] She stated that Mr. [redacted] is employed in the City of Chicago out at [redacted] but she does not know what type of work he does.

On August 15,1958,EDWARD L. LEENHEER voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office and was interviewed by SAA [redacted] At this time LEENHEER denied knowing HYMEN LARNER and denied having had a proxy notarized for him at the South Shore Currency Exchange. He stated that when he was in the currency exchange on July 28,1958, it was about 4:30 p.m. and the only other person in there at the time was a negro man who was filling out an application for a money order.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
Aug. 20, 1958

CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION, et al
ANTI-RACKETEERING;
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 1947
(INVESTIGATIVE MATTER)

Confidential source stated that about the latter part of 1955, Herman Klebba, [redacted] and some other operators desired to form an association of the coin machine operators with the idea of keeping out all hoodlums and just have legitimate operators. He stated that in furtherance of this idea, a meeting was called at [redacted] place on [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, and several coin machine operators attended. He stated that at this first meeting, a brother-in-law of "Jukebox" Smitty or his brother Frank Smith, whose name he cannot recall, was there and got up and said that he had been invited to the meeting by [redacted] and also said that he wanted to work along with the association and more or less represent "Jukebox" Smitty and act for him in the association.

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Confidential source stated that after he got through speaking, Lieutenant [redacted] Scottland Yard Detail of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, got up and introduced himself and openly accused this brother-in-law of "Jukebox" Smitty's of having a past criminal record and advised the operators to be careful with whom they dealt.

Confidential source stated that because of this, the matter of affiliation with "Jukebox" Smitty and Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) was more or less soft peddled for a few months. This confidential source stated that since that time he believes [redacted] has been taken over by the "hoods" and he now operates under the name of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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(3 -122-366)

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Confidential source stated that the second meeting of the coin machine operators was held at the office of the First Coin Machine Exchange on North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and after that had a meeting at the Midland Hotel and an attorney for the association was hired.

Confidential source stated that the coin machines and pinball games in Cicero, Melrose Park, Summit and other suburban towns are controlled by Apex Amusement Company which is Eddie Vogel's company. Confidential source stated that he understands the payoff to operate in Cicero is $10,000.00 per year which money is probably split amongst two or three possibly four people including the mayor; chief of police; Bill Hall, the fire and police commissioner; and possibly one other in Cicero.

Confidential source stated that a new captain on the Cicero Police Department by the name of Thomas Kazakos, who resides at 1509 59th Court, Cicero, Illinois, has assisted the Apex Amusement Company by ordering out jukeboxes of competitors and insisting that Apex be brought in. Confidential source stated that he believes this has happened about three weeks ago at a tavern at [redacted] Illinois. Confidential source stated that [redacted] Apex in Cicero are handled by a man by the name of [redacted], who lives at [redacted] Illinois. He stated that if this man goes in and sees a machine of some competitor, he immediately advises Apex and pressure is then brought in to get the competitor out. b6 b7C

Confidential source stated that some time ago "Jukebox" Smitty attempted to borrow $200.00 from him to have his house painted but he was able to convince Smitty that he did not have the money and Smitty borrowed the $200.00 from Chester Erickson of the Health Department of Cicero, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Chicago, Illinois
Aug. 20, 1958

Chicago Independent Amusement Association
Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 (IM);
Anti-Racketeering

On June 10, 1958, it was ascertained from confidential source that "Butch" continues to chauffeur Edward Vogel and that recently Vogel was using a new light blue Pontiac with three stars on the rear fender.

Confidential source stated that Ann Fenner poses as Mrs. Vogel although source is not certain that they are married. Source stated that Ann Fenner gave a surprise party for Edward Vogel on the occasion of his 60th birthday at which time approximately fifty people were present at his apartment. Source recalls the following persons as being in attendance:

[redacted]
Eugene Bernstein
Mike Brodkin
Hymen Larner
Julius and Jeanette Zimberoff
Ann Fenner
[redacted] (Globe Distributing Company)
Gus and Mary Ann Alex

Confidential source recalled that Hymen Larner used to frequent the Vogel residence during 1952 and 1954 and that he could be seen there on the average of at least once a week. Source had no idea as to the business relationship of Larner and Vogel.

A group of photographs were shown to confidential source and the photographs of Alex Ross and Frank Musteri (now deceased) were picked out as two individuals whom the source believed to have frequented the Vogel apartment when Vogel resided on Marine Drive.

According to this confidential source, it was Vogel's practice to leave his residence almost every Tuesday and Friday about eight p.m. and would not return until approximately three a.m. the next morning.

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Confidential source did not know where Vogel had been during this time.

Confidential source stated that [redacted] Ann Fenner on [redacted] and probably will stay for the largest portion of [redacted] but source did not know [redacted] address.

Confidential source stated that while Edward Vogel resided on Marine Drive [redacted] in every [redacted] Vogel. Source stated that [redacted] appeared to be of Italian extraction and once worked at the [redacted]

Confidential source stated that Vogel frequently ate or met associates at Fritzels Restaurant and that he spent a great deal of time at Postl's Health Club. Source stated that Vogel does not drink or smoke.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (122-2254) Date: 8-20-58

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (122-366)

SUBJECT: CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION, Et Al
LMRA of 1947 (Investigative Matter);
ANTI-RACKETEERING
00: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of the report of SAA [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago. Also enclosed for the Bureau are five two letterhead memorandum copies of which have been furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago.

REFERENCE

Report of SAA [redacted] dated June 13, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois. b6 b7C

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

Memorandum regarding formation of CHICAGO INDEPENDENT AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION, information of which memorandum was furnished by [redacted] Illinois, who requested his identity be held confidential.

Memorandum regarding EDWARD VOGEL, information of which was furnished by [redacted] who requested her identity be kept strictly confidential. b6 b7C b7D

ADMINISTRATIVE

Five copies of this report are being furnished to the Bureau, three of which are designated for Bureau file 92-3086, in accordance with Chicago letter dated June 23, 1958, to the Bureau, Bureau file 92-3086, setting forth that EDWARD VOGEL, top hoodlum matter, which is being

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(4)-Chicago (1-92-345)
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placed in a pending inactive status for a period of 60 days, and the special situation involving a possible violation by EDWARD VOGEL and HYMEN LARNER and others involved in the CIAA would be reported in the CIAA case.

LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will discuss the facts of this case with Assistant United States Attorney JOHN J. QUAN relative to his prosecutive opinion.

2. Will, if deemed appropriate, contact additional coin machine operators and location owners were CIAA muscle men have enforced the use of CIAA Labels or have damaged coin machine equipment.

3. Will maintain contact with relatives and business associates of HYMEN LARNER in an effort to locate him.

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ED-209 (Rev. 6-6-56)
STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago

DATE: 9-12-58

FROM : SA Lester K. Esarey

☐ CI ☐ SI

☑ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact 9-9-58

Titles and File #s on which contacted

92-345 (Ed Vogel, Top Hoodlum)
94-519 (CG 11F) ()

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☑ Positive

See Attachment

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☐ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

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On 9-9-58 PCI [redacted] was interviewed by SAS Paul B. Frankfurt and Lester K. Esarey in a Bureau auto at 55th and Harlem.

PCI claims he has not seen Vogel for about [redacted] b6 b7C b7D He stated that when he drinks he uses either scotch and soda or champagne but limits his drinking as he [redacted] when he drinks.

PCI was of the understanding that Vogel has about 8 or 9 men working in the county for him and servicing various routes of pin ball machines for him. Near as he could recall the following men worked for Vogel in this capacity.

Laddie Novak (also known as "Murphy") - services Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park. He is [redacted] by [redacted] (phonetic). It is to be noted that Laddie Novak is brother of Tom Novak, notorious syndicate gambler, and also [redacted] PCI in [redacted] to the notorious [redacted] gambling joint.

[redacted] who operates on the [redacted]

[redacted] who has area around the [redacted]

[redacted] at one time had area around [redacted]

PCI further advised that Thomas "Moon" Smickles was a former slot machine repairman for Vogel who left about 8 or 10 years ago. He believed he was now working for the American Railway Express Company.

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According to PCI Vogel purchases the majority of his coin operated machines from Bally Distributing Co., Belmont and Western, Chicago.

Concerning Nick Visco, PCI stated that he has not worked for Vogel for 6 to 8 years and that when he was with him his duties were with slot machines and their repair. He advised that he was [redacted] whose [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

He also stated that John Keller, Vogel's slot machine man in Lake County is deceased.

PCI stated that he [redacted] Vogel [redacted] coin operated machines. He stated collections run between $300 and $400 per week. Concerning his income tax returns he advised he turns over all of papers pertaining to income to the bookkeeper at Apex who then gives him a slip showing his earnings and that then he [redacted]

He also stated that [redacted] for Tom Novak [redacted]

He advised that Tom Novak is now living with his 4th wife, Marge, on the first east of Harlem in the first block south of 22nd St., Berwyn, Illinois.

He also noted that Novak's [redacted] is living in [redacted] It is to be further noted that she was a confidential informant in the [redacted]

He stated that to his knowledge Lefty Lipshultz is still running Stickney and Lyons, Illinois, and that Ralph Capone was his partner until he went to Mercer, Wisconsin. He stated he does not know whether Capone is getting any money out of this area. He had no knowledge of Vogel taking over Lyons

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He stated that another Capone brother, [redacted] joint located at the [redacted] and was formerly known as the [redacted] He stated they were raided approximately [redacted] He does not know what [redacted] is now doing.

PCI further stated that he was [redacted] days prior to the [redacted] for running a crap game at [redacted] as a result of being [redacted] theCaptain of the Sheriff's Office and on orders of [redacted] County Commissioner.

Concerning Gay Vogel, divorced wife of Eddie Vogel, PCI stated he understood she received a settlement of $150,000 plus a house in Los Angeles. He believed she was running a dress shop in or near Hollywood, Calif.

PCI further stated that [redacted] a coin machine operator [redacted] who was active in the Cicero, Illinois, area.

PCI was closely questioned concerning [redacted] as to why an automobile registered to him was observed at the [redacted] at the residence of Tony Accardo, and also at the wake of Sam "Mooney" Giancanna's wife in 1955. He flatly denied that he had been at these places stating that he does not know "these" people/ However, he stated he has [redacted] Tom and Laddie Novak on accasion and that this might be the answer.

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He further stated that Joe "Fife" Corngold is now residing in Arizona. He stated also that he was well acquainted with Corngold, Louis Campagna, Willie Heeney. He noted that all of the preceding along with Tom Novak were big gamblers in the Cicero area a number of years ago.

Further efforts will be made to contact and develop this PCI.

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SA [redacted]

[redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following information at his home on 8/14/50:

[redacted] the late [redacted] was [redacted] In fact, [redacted] first bicycle. [redacted] knows about diamonds and diamond fencing. Next to [redacted] is the best diamond man in the country regarding the identification and valuation of diamonds. At one time [redacted] had the ability to buy one and one-half million dollars worth of goods at one time. If he had the moral character of [redacted] would own the world, according to [redacted] is thoroughly disliked by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the following persons are jewel fences in Chicago and that they are all proteges of [redacted] stated that [redacted] started those men in the fencing game:

1 - 92-344 (ANTHONY ACCARDO)
1 - 92-347 (PAUL [illegible] ICCA)
1 - 92-371 (MARSHALL CAIFANO)
1 - 92-349 (SAM GIANCANA)
(1) - 92-345 ([illegible]ERNARD VOGEL)
1 - 94-519 (JIIF)
1 - 87-2406(52 [illegible]d) Jewel Control

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HARRY GOLDSTEIN, 5 South Wabash, is the brother of JACK and DAVID GOLDSTEIN, Chicago jewelers and fences who have offices in the Kesner Building.

[redacted] at the present time is a [redacted] who inherited one-half million dollars from [redacted] according to [redacted] is foolish to be fencing inasmuch as he is independently wealthy and is the owner of the [redacted] Chicago.

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[redacted] is presently worth approximately three and one-half million dollars and is one of the biggest diamond brokers in the United States. [redacted] carries approximately one and one-half million dollars worth of diamond stock in his store at all times. [redacted] got his start in New York with [redacted] and [redacted] were in the [redacted] in New York City and imported their diamonds [redacted] These diamonds were smuggled into the United States as well as being stolen from the diamond mines by the labor workers. [redacted] stated that [redacted] the diamond mine laborer would secrete diamonds on their persons and trade them with the company department stores for necessary food and clothing. He continued that the company stores were not always legitimate and that the merchants found it profitable to sell these stolen diamonds to persons like [redacted]

[redacted] whose name [redacted] could not recall, was found in a river in New York City about two weeks ago. [redacted] upon hearing of this man's death which the New York Police believed to be a homicide, immediately left his [redacted] vacation resort and flew to New York. [redacted] suggested that the Agents contact [redacted] regarding his association with [redacted] and the knowledge that he possessed of the man found in the river.

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[redacted] is a close friend of FRANK COSTELLO, the New York hoodlum. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has connections much higher than his own and that he is afraid to talk about [redacted] connections. He stated that [redacted] spends a good bit of time in New York and [redacted] where he [redacted] at the present time. He described [redacted] as being a college graduate, a very smooth business man. Regarding [redacted] fencing activites [redacted] advised he personally know of no fencing on [redacted] part but stated that the FBI was on the right track and were much further along the uncovering of jewel fences than he previously had believed was possible in view of the fact that [redacted] name had been mentioned to [redacted]

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[redacted] with alias, [redacted] a well known New York [redacted] closest friend, ~~next door neighbor~~. [redacted] stated that [redacted] recently was loaned [redacted] to pay off gambling debts owed by [redacted] was under the impression if [redacted] did not [redacted] he would be killed.

[redacted] 11th and State Streets, Chicago, is well known to [redacted] but is disliked by [redacted] who claims that the friendship between them is held together by the wives of both men. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is very closely associated with [redacted] in addition is very close to SAM GIANCANA, a Chicago hoodlum. [redacted] hoodlum connections are very high and he is very close to the men in the local syndicate who control the murderers and musclemen of the syndicate.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] visit on [redacted] at which time [redacted] apartment was ~~watched~~ searched by Bureau Agents and [redacted] and his car were searched by Bureau Agents in front of [redacted] home, was due to a social visit occasioned by the death of

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that he will refuse [redacted] admittance to his home and that he is quitting the jewel fencing business inasmuch as his [redacted] and his fear of dying in jail rather than in his own home.

[redacted] around the first of August at which time [redacted] advised [redacted] he was no longer fencing jewelry and that [redacted] was no longer welcome in his home. [redacted] admitted that on one occasion he and [redacted] had taken two girls out for a night on the town. He stated that the evening began with a phone call from [redacted] requesting [redacted] to bring [redacted] inasmuch as he had a buyer for [redacted] Upon arrival at the [redacted] discovered that the girls were not interested in buying diamonds and they spent the evening drinking and then went gambling.

[redacted] has had the opportunity to buy a lot of the jewelry stolen in Miami during the [redacted], according to [redacted] It is [redacted] opinion that [redacted] breaks up pieces of jewelry which are set with small stones and uses the stones in the manufacture of jewelry. He believes that when [redacted] buys any large distinct pieces he keeps them in [redacted] and takes them [redacted] where he sells them to his sources there. [redacted] believes that a good bit of jewelry stolen within the last year has found its way [redacted] He continued that [redacted] and [redacted] in the country.

[redacted] continued that [redacted] with alias [redacted] who operates the [redacted], operates this place for the Chicago Crime Syndicate. He continued that [redacted] while physically capable of being a muscleman is not an "official muscleman" for the syndicate.

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Chicago Crime Syndicate

PAUL, the waiter, RICCA is a retired head of the Chicago Crime Syndicate having been replaced by ANTHONY ACCARDO when RICCA was sent to jail for the Hollywood Extortion Crimes several years ago. [redacted] stated that ACCARDO is in charge of crime syndicate operations in Chicago on an overall basis and handles the payoffs to various members of the syndicate. He stated that in addition, at periodic intervals, ACCARDO sent payoff money to FRANK COSTELLO in New York. ACCARDO, according to [redacted] is the owner of the Heyworth Building, 29 East Madison Street, inasmuch as he put the money up, however, the building was purchased in the name of the teamsters union. He stated that the teamsters union could be considered an arm of the crime syndicate inasmuch as JAMES HOFFA is a protege under the control of FRANK COSTELLO. [redacted] pointed out that at the recent Senate Racket Committee hearings HOFFA did not take the 5th Amendment to hide his activities nearly as much as had the other crime syndicate figures, because [redacted] feels COSTELLO has told HOFFA that HOFFA will have to be the "fall guy" if necessary inasmuch as COSTELLO controls HOFFA and tells him whom to hire and whom to fire.

[redacted] has acknowledged friendship with [redacted] who is highly placed in the teamsters union.

[redacted], who formerly ran the syndicate gambling operation at [redacted], is presently running the [redacted] (name not recalled) for the syndicate. [redacted] stated that this was a multi-million dollar syndicate investment.

[redacted] continued that PHILIP CAIFANO, a Chicago hoodlum, is the official "counter" for the

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syndicate. CAIFANO was sent to this new hotel with [redacted] to help get the operation running smoothly. According to [redacted] it is CAIFANO who makes the rounds of the various syndicate operations, picks up the profits and takes them to ACCARDO for distribution.

[redacted] continued that SAM GIANCANA, with alias Mooney, is the owner of the American Hotel located at 1500 Rankin Road in Chicago.

"OSCO FORTUNA (phonetic), who resides on Kildare on the Southeast corner one block north of Kenmore in Skokie, Illinois, and [redacted] for the local crime syndicate. Their position in the syndicate is beneath that of SAM GAZANSKIA and "NO SMALL CAIFANO.

[redacted] stated that both [redacted] are friends of his but denied that either has furnished him financial aid for the purchase of stolen merchandise.

[redacted] who operated the [redacted] Illinois, is forced to purchase his whiskey from the Gold Coast Distributors in Chicago which is syndicate operated.

JAMES GUZIK, deceased, Chicago hoodlum, was one of [redacted] closest friends. [redacted] continued that fifteen to eighteen years ago GUZIK came to him and told [redacted] to stop being [redacted] GUZIK then told him that the Chicago Crime Syndicate was willing to cut [redacted] of the [redacted] GUZIK stated that they were willing to [redacted] to the extent of one-half million dollars. [redacted] told GUZIK that while GUZIK was his friend he [redacted] was subject to making mistakes and he felt that should

he becomes affiliated with the syndicate, his first mistake in judgment, would result in his death. He therefore declined to enter into this business arrangement.

On [redacted] was contacted regarding his knowledge of the theft involving $30,000 in pearls. [redacted] stated that he had not heard of the theft and was dubious that such a theft had taken place stating that it would "take a truck" to carry away a $30,000 pearl robbery. He stated that he was indignant that the Agents would think that he would be involved in such a fencing operation when it was so well known that he is a diamond man. He denied knowing [redacted] Regarding [redacted] with alias, [redacted] stated he has known him for many years and has seen him recently on two occasions, one at the Belden-Stratford Hotel on North Lincoln Park West, and his last meeting was in [redacted] when he was contacted by [redacted] to appraise some jewelry. [redacted] met [redacted] at the Town and Country Restaurant, at Peterson and Clark. It is noted that both of these meetings were observed by Agents.

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He denied knowing [redacted] but admitted knowing [redacted] and stated he had met him several years ago through [redacted] stated that [redacted] on several occasions has financed [redacted] He said that he is acquainted with [redacted] whom he met through [redacted] whom [redacted] knows as [redacted] continued that he generally is informed with the names of [redacted] and that most of his contacts are made in the better gambling establishments in the Chicago area. He continued that any good jewel fence makes contacts for purchasing stolen goods at gambling establishments inasmuch as the good thieves can be found in these places.

Regarding [redacted] stated he has known [redacted] for a number of years and that [redacted] office in the [redacted] has been

used by [redacted] as a loafing place during the working day. He stated [redacted] is one of the better jewel fences in Chicago and that he got his start as a [redacted] He stated that [redacted] have done business together and that this friendship grew out of [redacted] association with [redacted] He stated that when [redacted] had been on the road as a jewelry salesman [redacted] reported a loss by burglary in [redacted] stated that this had been a fake. He continued that [redacted] is such a big thief he would not have shown [redacted] the stuff he has. In fact he even refuses to sell [redacted] goods. He said that he has no idea who [redacted] sources are other than [redacted] and a supplier of jewelry to Chicago auction houses.

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[redacted] stated that he [redacted] TONY ACCARDO [redacted] which ACCARDO's wife, CLARICE, wears. He said that he was told by ACCARDO that "if [redacted] he was dead". He continued that the higher echelon in the crime syndicate does not purchase stolen merchandise inasmuch as they want to avoid any entanglement with the police. However, the lower strata in the syndicate does purchase stolen merchandise.

[redacted] continued that EDWARD VOGEL is a very close friend of his and that VOGEL no longer runs the slot machine concession for the crime syndicate inasmuch as an unknown Italian with a highly placed relative now has the concession and that VOGEL now controls only the Northwest suburbs insofar as slot machines are concerned.

[redacted] continued that [redacted] were former partners until [redacted] was

taken into the business at which time [redacted] attempted to push [redacted] out of the business. At this point [redacted] withdrew from the firm. [redacted] stated that neither of the [redacted] are presently engaged in fencing stolen jewelry.

[redacted] stated that he has a [redacted] years old who is a [redacted] and [redacted] is a [redacted] He continued that the [redacted] and had given up his practice. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that although he did not want to name names he suggested that the interviewing Agents were interested in fencing operations ~~and that they should keep their eye~~ on the [redacted] stated that when he said this he was not referring to [redacted] who has an office at that location. It is noted that [redacted] who has a reputation of a fence, is also located on the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that almost every jeweler in the [redacted] has a fencing operation of some sort or another going.

[redacted] cited as an example a jeweler by the name of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that for overall volume jewel fencing in Chicago was a small operation when compared to the operations going on in New York on [redacted] He stated that in the jewelry exchange on [redacted] you could fence jewelry if you had pieces of sufficient value to make it worth their while at any booth in the exchange. He said that it would be ridiculous to name names in this regard

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because there were too many jewelers in New York operating in this manner to single out any one with the exception of [redacted]

[redacted] according to [redacted] is not a force. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is in addition to his surplus property business, a money lender and an investor in semi-precious stones [redacted] stated that it is [redacted] was packs [redacted] with alias [redacted] characterized [redacted] as an honest man who like [redacted] has the "gambling cancer".

[redacted] stated he would never become an informant for the FBI or any other police organization and if he met any individual on the street whom he knewwho had dubious background he would advise them that he is followed by the FBI twenty-four hours a day and that the meeting would probably be observed. It is contemplated that contacts with [redacted] will be continued.

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Chicago, Illinois
September 12, 1958

MEMO - SAC

Re: Edward Vogel, was.
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

On 8-29-58 [redacted] Illinois Bell Telephone Company, made available to SA [redacted] a phone layout diagram of the subject's apartment. [redacted] obtained this drawing from the installation foreman whose crew handled the installation assignment for telephone service at Vogel's apartment. b6 b7C

The house box for the 19th floor is in the riser shaft in the elevator lobby vicinity. According to [redacted] source the service cable for Vogel's apartment is located in a closet which is backed up to the elevator lobby. From this the service cable enters a cabinet housing the necessary relays and switching gear for the telephone system within the subject's apartment. From this cabinet via floor conduit telephone service is distributed throughout the apartment. In the large living room in the northwest corner of the apartment wherein the bar is also located there are five phone jacks installed through which portable telephone instruments can be inserted at will. A permanent hold button type instrument is installed in the small bath just off the living room. Two button sets in the bath just off the master bedroom and there is one permanent phone in the kitchen.

Various phone jacks are located in each room as indicated by "pj" on diagram circled with "x" inside.

Threetrunk lines enter subject's apartment as follows:

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TO , : SAC, CHICAGO (92-373) DATE: 9-29-58

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER

SUBJECT: GUS ALEX, was.
A-R

On 9-9-58 Miss [redacted] U.S. Auto Leasing Co., Fifth Ave at Jackson Blvd., Chicago, advised SA RALPH R. HILL and the writer that the license number on 1958 Cadillac Sixty Special leased by the Deluxe Cigarette Service from her company had been changed. This number is now 470-148, changed from 499 485.

MISS [redacted] also advised that when the car was brought in to have the license changed it was driven by someone other than NATHAN LADON who was listed on U.S. Auto records as being the authorized driver for the car. MISS [redacted] questioned the driver about this and was told that drivers had been switched and that JOSEPH D. PAGNATELLO, 6918 So. Paulina, Chicago, would henceforth be the driver of the car.

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According to MISS [redacted] she received a phone call one day early this summer from a representative of Deluxe, identity unrecalled, who requested that the plates on the above car be changed. MISS [redacted] did not question the reason for the request but mentioned that there would be a service charge for the change. The Deluxe representative did not question this, but said the car would be brought in so that the switch could be made. Shortly thereafter it was brought in by a driver who identified himself as PIGNATELLO and the switch was made.

A copy of this memo is being placed in the file on ALEX since this car has been noticed being driven by BUTCH LADON, ALEX's chauffeur-body guard with ALEX as a passenger. It is also being placed in the file on EDDY VOGEL due to the fact that Deluxe is VOGEL's firm and it is suspected that JOE PIGNATELLO is now VOGEL's chauffeur.

cc: EDDY VOGEL (92-345)

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[redacted] was.
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Buffalo 92-3[redacted]; CG File 92-34[redacted]

The Police Department, City of Miami, Florida, has requested FBI identification records on the above-captioned subjects. Identification records have been furnished to the Police Department.

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Terrorist Pleads Guilty, Gets 2 To 4 Years In Prison

A coin machine terrorist, Alex Ross, 47, pleaded guilty to eight criminal charges Thursday and was sentenced to two to four years in prison.

Criminal Court Judge Joseph A. Pope set the penalty on a recommendation from Asst. State's Atty. Burton Hoffman.

Ross was a partner of James Rini, 39, sentenced last week to serve 10 to 14 years after pleading guilty to nine indictments. They were accused of terrorizing tavern owners into installing gangster - controlled pinball, bowling and pool-playing machines.

Ross pleaded guilty to two charges of larceny, one of confidence game, two of conspiracy and three of malicious mischief.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (92-345) DATE: 10/13/58

FROM : SAC, Miami (92-138)

SUBJECT: EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, Was.;
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM;
ANTI-RACKETEERING.
(CG:00)

Rerep SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT, 9/2/58, Chicago.

[redacted] North Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA [redacted] on October 7, 1958, that her [redacted] is still in [redacted] and she expects her to return to North Miami Beach in about six weeks; that she will have her contact the FBI Office, Miami, upon her return. b6 b7C

ReBulet to Chicago September 26, 1958, which stated that the PD, Miami, Florida, had requested FBI identification record on subject and that the record had been furnished to the PD. Miami PD being contacted re their interest in subject.

VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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TITLE OF CASE

EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, Was.

Report made by

PAUL B. FRANKFUIT

CHARACTER OF CASE

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

VOGEL continues to reside at 320 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago. License Number on 1958 Cadillac has been changed to number 470-148. JOSEPH PIGNATELLO, 6918 South Paulina, reportedly chauffeuring VOGEL at present. JAMES RINI sentenced to serve ten to fourteen years, and ALEX ROSS sentenced to two to four years in connection with terrorizing of tavern owners and installing gangster controlled pinball machines. VOGEL reportedly visited MICKEY COHEN in Los Angeles, during 9/58, and also had visited with FRANK SINATRA and DEAN MARTIN. One informant reports VOGEL has eight or nine men operating pinball machine routes for him. Another source reports VOGEL has nine men operating juke box routes and three men operating cigarette machine routes. Interviews with juke box operators and location owners set forth. Information as to sale of property formerly used for gambling purposes set forth. In 1956 VOGEL stated he did not want to talk to FBI agents at any time for any purpose. VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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DETAILS:

A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Residence

T-1 advised on September 22 and October 7, 1958, that EDWARD VOGEL continues to reside at 320 Oaklawn Avenue, Chicago. Informant stated that [redacted] ANN FENNER have returned [redacted] and are again residing at this address with subject. This source reported that [redacted] is planning to [redacted] Source also commented that [redacted] which she can frequently be seen with in the vicinity of the building. b6 b7C b7D

T-2 advised that [redacted] had recently [redacted] ANN FENNER and that she has [redacted] as a [redacted] She is [redacted] has few friends and does little entertaining. Source commented that [redacted] is not impressed with the displays of wealth surrounding her and apparently does not [redacted]

Automobiles and License Numbers

On September 9, 1958, Miss [redacted] United States Auto Leasing Co., Fifth Avenue at Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, advised SA WILLIAM F. ROSMER that the license number on 1958 Cadillac Sixty Special leased by the Deluxe Cigarette Service from her company had been changed. This number is now 470-148, changed from 499 485.

Miss [redacted] also advised that when the car was brought in to have the license changed it was driven by someone other than NATHAN LADON who was listed on United States Auto records as being the authorized driver for the car. Miss [redacted] questioned the driver about this and was told that drivers had been switched and that JOSEPH D. PIGNATELLO, 6918 South Paulina, Chicago, would henceforth be the driver of the car.

According to Miss [redacted] she received a phone call one day early this summer from a representative of Deluxe, identity unrecalled, who requested that the plates on the above car be changed. Miss [redacted] did not question the reason for the request but mentioned that there would be a service charge for the change. The Deluxe representative did not question this, but said the car would be brought in so that the switch could be made. Shortly thereafter it was brought in by a driver who identified himself as PIGNATELLO and the switch was made.

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On September 25, 1958, a check of the residence at 320 Oakdale reflected a 1957 blue Pontiac bearing 1958 Illinois license 3017408, listed to Deluxe Cigarette Service, 4246 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, was parked in the number one parking space at 320 Oakdale.

It is to be noted that the number one parking space is reserved for EDWARD VOGEL and that he objects to its use by other tenants of the building.

B. ASSOCIATES

NICK VISCO

T-3 advised on September 9, 1958, concerning NICK VISCO that he has not worked for VOGEL for six to eight years and that when he was formerly associated with VOGEL his duties were in connection with slot machines and their repair, primarily in Cook County. He advised that VISCO was [redacted] whose [redacted]

T-4 advised on October 9, 1958, that NICK VISCO was formerly associated with EDWARD VOGEL in connection with VOGEL's slot machine racket and that he operated primarily in the Northern section of Cook County. He said he did not believe VISCO was connected with VOGEL at the present time, stating he has not seen VISCO for the past two years.

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JOSEPH D. PIGNATELLO

It is to be noted that according to Miss [redacted] United States Auto Leasing Company, JOSEPH D. PIGNATELLO, 6018 South Paulina, is now a Chauffeur for EDWARD VOGEL.

ALEX ROSS and
JAMES RINI

The "Chicago Sun-Times", dated September 26, 1953, reflects an article captioned "Terrorist Pleads Guilty, Gets 2 To 4 Years in Prison". The article reflected ALEX ROSS pleaded guilty to eight criminal charges Thursday and was sentenced in State Court to two to four years in prison. JAMES RINI, a partner of ROSS, was sentenced a week previous to serve ten to fourteen years after pleading guilty to nine indictments. They were accused of terrorizing tavern owners into installing gangster - controlled pinball, bowling and pool-playing machines. b6 b7C

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T-4 advised that [redacted] ELSIE WARTENBERG, sister of EDWARD VOGEL. He resides in [redacted]

MICKEY COHEN

On September 15, 1953, T-5 advised he had learned from [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, had told MICKEY COHEN, [redacted] (Los Angeles top hoodlum) that his friends JOE PIGNATELLO and EDDIE VOGEL were then in Los Angeles, for a visit. Informant was able to learn they were planning to see MICKEY COHEN while there. Informant also understood JOE and EDDIE had visited with FRANK SINATRA and DEAN MARTIN.

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C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On September 9, 1953, T-3 stated VOGEL has about eight or nine men working in the County for him, who handle and service coin slot machine routes for him. Near as informant could recall the following men work for VOGEL in this capacity:

LADDIE NOVAK, also known as "LURPHY" - This person services Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park. He is [redacted] (phonetic). It is to be noted that LADDIE NOVAK [redacted] notorious syndicate gambler, who [redacted]

[redacted] - Operates on the [redacted]

[redacted] - Has area around the [redacted]

[redacted], who at one time had area around [redacted]

According to the above source, VOGEL purchases the majority of his coin operated machines from the Bally Distributing Company, Belmont and Western.

According to this source, a LEFTY LIPSHULTZ is running the coin games in Stickney and Lyons, Illinois, and that RALPH CAPONE was his partner until he went to Mercer, Wisconsin. This source did not know whether CAPONE was still receiving any remuneration from this area and he had no knowledge of the allegation that VOGEL had taken over Lyons, Illinois.

The above source advised that [redacted] a coin machine operator in [redacted], is a [redacted] CAPONE mobster who is active in the [redacted] area. The source did not know whether there was a connection between [redacted] and EDDIE VOGEL.

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Interviews With Juke Box
Operators and Location Owners

On September 9 and September 29, 1953, WILLIAM H. NYLAND, 5152 Suffield Terrace, Skokie, Illinois, telephone number OR 3-8174, was interviewed by SA PAUL D. FRANKFURT. He advised that until about a year ago he was employed as Manager of Western Automatic Music, 4206 North Western Avenue, Chicago. While employed with Western Automatic Music, he served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Music Operators of Northern Illinois, which is a legitimate association of juke box operators in Cook and Du Page Counties.

He stated that BOB LINDELOF, General Music Corporation, 8020 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, and [redacted] Illinois, have been under terrific pressure from Apex Amusement. He estimated that during the past ten years Apex has taken about 65 locations from various juke box operators in the County. He further estimated that Western Automatic Music lost about 25 stops over the past 10 years to Apex.

It was the considered opinion of Mr. NYLAND that Apex, controlled by EDDIE VOGEL, and AMI, controlled by JOEY GLIMCO, a notorious hoodlum, operate about 2700 juke boxes and are the largest single operators of juke boxes in the area.

He said that Apex makes drives on new locations from time to time when they go up one side of the street and down the other taking locations. In most cases it is a straight solicitation. He said if they don't get the location that way they use intimidation. Eventually the location owner will call the operator stating he has taken all he can and that there is nothing he can do but take from Apex. In one instance that he was aware of, the County Police approached the location owner at [redacted] and suggested to them that it would be better if they took their juke box from Apex.

Mr. NYLAND stated that in the above instance he had signed a [redacted] who was opening up a new place and had already installed a juke box which was in operation. In spite of this, Apex delivered a juke box to the same location. A few days later he stated he received a call from EARL KIES of Apex wanting to know why he had placed a juke box in [redacted] and that didn't he know that [redacted] was theirs. NYLAND told KIES that he wasn't aware that [redacted] belonged to anyone but to the State of Illinois. He said he received several other phone calls from KIES wanting to know when they were going to remove their juke box, but that he refused to take it out and the location owner refused to be muscled. Subsequently the County Police, including two men in a squad car, approached [redacted] and suggested they take from Apex. Finally after several weeks when their wishes were not complied with, Apex removed their juke box. NYLAND stated this is the only time he was ever successful in withstanding pressure from Apex. b6 b7C

He stated he lost a juke box location to Apex at a [redacted] known as the [redacted]. He said that [redacted] is believed to rent trucking space from a building used as a book in the rear and that through this medium pressure was brought to bear on him and in [redacted] told him there was nothing he could do and that he had to take from Apex.

He said the Swiss Chalet, 6300 West Dempster, Morton Grove, Illinois, was a place that was changing hands a year or so ago and has since changed hands several times. He said they had a lot of pressure to change to Apex and that while he was there talking to the owner, a representative of Apex came in and the location owner introduced him, but he did not recall his name. He remembered, however, that the representative remarked that he was not picking on him by taking his location, but that he had orders to get this location and that he had to carry out the orders. NYLAND commented that coin machine games involving race horses were in this location and he thinks they belonged to Apex. He said that whenever a gambling type game is in a location they generally have trouble and that is eventually lost to Apex.

He said Mr. [redacted] had considerable trouble with locations in Cicero. He said they were being harrassed by the Board of Health, and every type of Village Board in the City if they refused to take from Apex. They were told that their troubles could be solved by taking from Apex. He said that Mr. [redacted] was on vacation at present, but would return soon. In one instance he stated Mr. [redacted] loaned a location owner $500.00 on the strength of his taking his juke box and that then the location owner was approached by the Apex muscle in Cicero and that he was mighty scared until he picked up his machine and lost the stop.

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HYLAND stated [redacted] Illinois, telephone number CL 3-2070, had difficulty with Apex on a number of locations. He stated at one time the location owner got a call from the Sheriff's Office, but no name was given and requested his appearance there. He stated when he got there to see Sheriff BABB, the Sheriff was not in his office, but EDDIE VOGEL was in the Sheriff's Office sitting in the Sheriff's chair. This incident occurred about [redacted]

Concerning the purchase of records, he stated "JUKE BOX" SMITH suggested it would be a good idea to buy their records from Lormar, not necessarily to avoid trouble, but because he would like to see them buy from them.

He mentioned that a restaurant at Highway 66 and Kanheim Road had trouble with Apex. He stated they had a juke box which was not an Apex machine, and that Apex tried for years to get Western Automatic Music, the operator, out of there. Subsequently the location changed hands and they were told to pick up their machine. The fellow that told him to pick it up claimed to have worked for Apex and claimed to have worked for EDDIE VOGEL and that EDDIE bought the place for him and his wife. Since then he stated the place burned to the ground.

He recalled that a person named [redacted] who resides in the [redacted] on the [redacted] of the street, [redacted] was originally a collector for VOGEL. He stated [redacted] drank too much so they made a delivery man out of him and believes that he still may be working for VOGEL. b6 b7C

He also stated that the [redacted] Apex and might possibly be able to furnish some information.

Concerning Atlas Music Company, which company distributes Seeburg Juke Boxes, he stated he believed them to be involved with Apex as they have been buying up juke box routes. He stated at times when the Music Operators of Northern Illinois had a dispute over a particular location and tried to trace the origin of a Seeburg machine and, thereby determine the name of the new operator, which generally was Apex, they received little co-operation from Atlas. In most instances they were informed that Apex bought direct from the Seeburg factory.

He was of the opinion that [redacted] who [redacted] Illinois, and resides at [redacted], is connected with Apex. He related in 1945 - 1946, about 65 locations were pirated from various music operators. The best locations went to Apex and the rest were divided between North Shore Music and Best Music who are located in the vicinity of 2400 or 2500 on West Chicago Avenue.

In 1953, he stated [redacted] was visited by someone who announced he was taking over as her partner. Shortly thereafter, her husband died of a heart attack, but he did not believe that the partner moved in. He thought possibly Apex might have been responsible.

He also stated that VINCENT ANGELERI, A/A Swingtime Music, 4815 West Diversey, Chicago, had a similar experience.

He stated at Hour's, a restaurant on the East Side of River Road, one mile South of Higgins Road catty corner from the River Road Motel about two years ago this location had a great deal of trouble with Apex. He stated Western Automatic had a juke box in there and that Apex tried to muscle the location owner and intimidated them to the point where they had to close their place and the father had a nervous breakdown. He understood they closed for about a month after letting things cool off and they finally reopened after buying their own juke box, commenting that this was the only way that they could operate. He stated this place is [redacted] and is nicknamed [redacted]

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He further stated that at Irving Park Road, just East of Bensonville, on the North Side of Irving Park, near the railroad tracks is another place that had trouble with Apex. He stated just past the stop sign is a new restaurant building that has now changed hands about four times. The building was put up by a farmer who lives behind the restaurant. He stated he approached this farmer at one time to talk juke box business and was informed by the farmer that if he wasn't from EDDIE VOGEL he was wasting his time.

Mr. NYLAND summed up by stating that in any place outside of the incorporated areas, which was not considered a village or town, Apex generally considered this as their own and that legitimate operators were out of bounds to solicit in those places. In the city or towns in the county, the legitimate operators were tolerated. He further stated that most of the locations lost were to people of Italian descent and that these people seemed to be more susceptible to the pressures and muscle of Apex than any other group. Usually they stated Apex was able to do them a good turn or would be able to help them.

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On September 26, 1958, Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by SA PAUL D. FRANKFURT. He advised that the only interstate transactions his company has are in connection with the purchase of Columbia Records. He stated he buys his records from the Columbia Distributor locally in Chicago, but that payments are made direct to the Columbia home office at 1473 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Purchases of juke boxes and records are all made from Illinois distributors. Mr. [redacted] advised he had lost a location to Apex Amusement through what he thought was due to undue pressure. He said that competition is keen to obtain good juke box locations and that on October 1, 1957, one [redacted], also known as [redacted], had made arrangements to use his juke box. He stated in order to secure this location he made an outright gift of $200.00 to the location owner and in addition made two loans to him, totaling $265.00. He said this practice is not unusual to secure juke box locations and that he has hard of outright gifts as high as $500.00 to secure good locations. He said after he had completed the loan and made the gift, a collector from Apex, known only to him as "RED", approached [redacted] allegedly telling him that Cicero was their territory and that [redacted] did not belong in Cicero.

He said that the tactics used by "RED" had so frightened the location owner his fear of reprisal and in addition to the fact that the Cicero Health Inspector had threatened to close his place of business because only one washroom was available on the premises. Because of this pressure, the owner insisted that he remove his juke box which he did and that subsequently Apex's machine was moved in. Mr. [redacted] stated his gift of $200.00 was returned but that the owner still owes him $230.00 on the original loan, which he does not expect to be paid.

On September 22, 1958, [redacted] advised he has known EDDIE VOGEL for many years and that his acquaintanceship stems back many years to when he was an [redacted] makers of slot machines. He said that he had assisted in delivering slot machines purchased by EDDIE VOGEL, but that in [redacted] he had secured the distributorship for [redacted] Juke Boxes. He said that Apex has been one of their customers in the purchase of these boxes. He said he does not know VOGEL socially and has never been in his company. He said that EARL KIES, Manager for Apex, and JULIUS ZIMMERHOFF, Executive for Apex, are the people with whom he does business at Apex. Mr. [redacted] said he has not heard of any pirating of locations or undue pressures on behalf of Apex. He also commented that he wanted to state emphatically that EDDIE VOGEL has no interest whatsoever in [redacted]

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On September 12, 1958, VINCENT ANGELERI, 4815 West Diversey, owner of A/A Swingtime was interviewed by SAs PAUL B. FRANKFURT and LESTER K. ESAREY. He stated he has been in business since 1937, and presently operates about 175 juke boxes. He stated he was born in Italy and came to this country when he was 17. He now is 58. Mr. ANGELERI was reluctant to discuss any trouble he has had with Apex, however, he did admit that he has lost five or six locations to them during the past five or ten years. He said this was due mostly when the location owner changed. He said he never fights over a location as he does not want any trouble.

Concerning the information that allegedly someone came to his place several years ago and announced they desired to be his partner, ANGELERI at first denied this. Later he stated that someone whom he did not know, but whom he believed to be a hoodlum, had come into his place and merely asked if he needed a partner and that he had replied no and the man had left without any threats. He did admit that he believed the man was a hoodlum and that this was not a bona fide request to enter into a partnership with him.

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On September 10, 1958, [redacted], was interviewed by SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT. She stated that she used to [redacted] about ten years ago. She was employed for [redacted] and was [redacted] when they found out that her [redacted] Western Automatic Music Company. She stated she was very young at the time and had no idea concerning any malpractices of Apex. She stated she saw EDDIE VOGEL only one time during [redacted] there and that EARL KIES was responsible for [redacted]

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On September 16, 1958, [redacted] Illinois, advised he is the [redacted], which he constructed [redacted] He advised that he has heard of EDDIE VOGEL, but that he has never done business with any of his representatives and never subscribed to service from Apex Amusement. He said that he has used a juke box operator from [redacted], known as the [redacted]. He stated that he was threatened at one time by a man from [redacted] because he would not take his juke box from him. He was told at this time that if he did not take his juke box from this man that he would not be able to open. Mr. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information as to the identity of this person, but stted that he ignored his threats and that nothing came of it.

On September 16, 1958, [redacted], also known as, [redacted], was interviewed by SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT. She stated she [redacted] Illinois. She advised she opened in [redacted] and that an unknown person, who was employed in a handbook nearby suggested Apex as a juke box operator. She said this person told Apex to send out a representative and that one later appeared and she told him to bring out a juke box. Subsequently a customer told her that Apex was syndicate controlled and that if she used their machine they would then want to put in their pinball machines and later slot machines. She said she then looked in the phone book and picked out the name of Western Automatic Music and

told them to bring out a juke box which they did. She said their box arrived only an hour or so before the Apex box arrived. She told Apex to take the box back, but they refused and insisted she keep it. She stated for a month or so she had two juke boxes in her place and that when customers wanted to play the juke box she referred them to the one owned by Western Automatic Music. She said that several times while she had both boxes, representatives of Apex had dropped in to ascertain why she did not take from them. She stated no threats or undue pressures were made at any time and that eventually Apex removed the box. She admitted that at one time two plain clothesmen from the County Police dropped in and announced "We're your protection." She said at this point she lost her temper and ordered them out of her place and that they have not been back. She stated their visit had nothing to do with the juke box.

On September 16, 1958, Mr. [redacted] Illinois advised he and his [redacted] had purchased their own juke box about ten years ago. He said they have had no problems or pressure from any of the juke box operators and that no coin operated machines are in use in his place. He denied any undue pressures had been exerted upon his or his partner during the past ten years.

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Sale of Property

On September 26, 1958, Mr. LESTER W. COONS, owner, Wyatt and Coons Real Estate Agency, Glenview, Illinois, advised that in September, 1948, property formerly owned by the Swain - Nelson Foundation, 2250 West Lake Street, was purchased through Attorney JOSEPH LUSTFIELD and the title was taken in the name of ANNE KARRAS. The amount of the sale was $23,500.00. At the time of the sale the property was commonly known as the Airport Tavern. Subsequently he stated it became known as the Fort and that it was common knowledge that this place was

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being operated as a gambling house. Mr. COONS stated the purchase was originally made for cash, and that he had heard it was owned by EDDIE VOGEL. He stated he recalled various newspaper articles reporting that slot machines had been stored in this place and at various times of the Fort being raided as a place of operation for floating crap games. He said that subsequently in April, 1956, the Fort was sold to Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.) Post Number 8859 of Glenview, for the sale price of $30,000.00. At the time of sale the title was held in trust number 8709 of the Southmoor Trust and Savings. The attorney handling the sale was JOSEPH LUSTFIELD. The terms of the sale were $10,000.00 down with $4,000.00 payable each year on February 1 until balance is paid. Interest was at five per cent. Mr. COONS recalled that for a few months he had collected rents from the Airport Tavern and forwarded this money to JOSEPH LUSTFIELD. He said that occurred in the early 1950s and that the rent was approximately $400.00 per month. He said that in his contacts with Attorney LUSTFIELD, that the owner of the Fort was referred to as "The Big Boy" or the Boss.

On September 29, 1953, Mr. [redacted] Quinlan, Tyson Real Estate Company, 1571 North Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, was interviewed by SA FRANKFURT. He advised that the property known as [redacted] was sold on March 20, 1956, to [redacted] who operated a garden supply and landscaping business at this address. Mr. [redacted] advised this property had laid vacant for four or five years prior to its sale and that it had generally been known as a gambling spot. He said the sale was made from Trust Number 8709 of the Southmoor Bank and Trust at a sale price of $47,500.00. He said a commission of $2,375.00 was received by Quinlan, Tyson and that no other commissions were received or paid. He said that the

Attorney for the Seller was JOSEPH LUSTFIELD, who made all deposits for the Seller. He said his file reflects at the time tht title was searched through the Chicago Title and Trust Company, the title was listed in the name of [redacted] Mr. [redacted] advised it was not unusual for titles to be in the name of fictitious individuals. He stated that further information concerning this sale might be secured through Mr. [redacted] who was the actual Salesman of the property.

On September 29, 1953, Mr. [redacted] Quinlan, Tyson Company, 225 Glenview Road, Glenview, Illinois, advised he had handled the actual transaction of the sale of the [redacted] which he knew to be a gambling spot for a number of years. He said he was aware that EDDIE VOGEL was the owner of this property as VOGEL had been called a number of times during the bargaining period.

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It is to be noted that upon VOGEL's Income Tax Form that he claimed commissions of this sale were paid to RICHARD BERNASS, $500.00, and NATHAN LADON, $250.00.

Mr. [redacted] stated he did not know either of the above individuals, but commented that one day while driving by the [redacted] he had stopped to look over the property when another car also stopped and two men got out and demanded to know what his business was and when they ascertained he was interested in selling the property, gave him the name of Attorney LUSTFIELD as the person to contact. Subsequently one of these individuals made several phone calls to him demanding to know when he would receive a commission. He informed this person, whose name he did not recall, that it was not the policy of the company to give commissions to outside individuals. He stated he related this incident to Attorney LUSTFIELD and that he was bothered no further.

Miscellaneous

On August 14, 1953, T-6 advised VOGEL is a very close friend of his and that VOGEL no longer runs the slot machine concession for the crime syndicate inasmuch as an unknown Italian with a highly placed relative now has the concession and that VOGEL now controls only the Northwest suburbs insofar as slot machines are concerned.

On September 29, 1953, Mr. [redacted] Olympic Savings and Loan, 6201 West Cermak, Berwyn, Illinois, advised he could find no record of any account under the name of EDWARD VOGEL or his various aliases at this bank.

On September 30, 1953, Mr. [redacted] Cicero Savings and Loan Association, 6700 West Cermak Road, advised he could find no record of any account for EDWARD VOGEL under this name or any of his aliases. b6 b7C

D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

On October 9, 1953, T-4, who is in a position to have access to the operation of the Apex Amusement Company and Deluxe Cigarette Company and Ajax Phonograph Company, was interviewed by SAs PAUL B. FRANKFURT and [redacted] This source advised that Apex has nine juke box routes, both in the County, as well as in the City of Chicago. He identified the following persons as juke box route men:

[redacted] also known as, [redacted] (phonetic);
TONY GIANCANA, allegedly no relation to SAM MOONEY GIANCANA, top hoodlum.

Above source stated that up until two weeks ago, VIC USS was a route man for Apex, but that he had committed suicide with a gun. He stated USS was one of the more avid location men and that many complaints had been lodged against Apex because of the tactics used by USS. T-4 stated he had learned that USS at times made statements which might be construed as threatening in nature and implying muscle tactics with the backing of the syndicate.

T-4 advised that [redacted] operates in the [redacted]. He said that [redacted] operates in the [redacted] of the [redacted] He said TONY GIANCANA was a replacement for VIC USS and has South Chicago to Cicero.

Concerning [redacted] he stated that he had formerly [redacted] a number of years ago and had [redacted] MAHONEY, a former partner, for [redacted] He said that subsequently EARL KIES, Manager for Apex, assisted him in securing a job with [redacted] not further identified. After MAHONEY left Apex, [redacted] He stated, however, that [redacted] has a reputation of securing locations for juke boxes through [redacted] and that these tactics are not looked upon with favor by officials of Apex. b6 b7C

Concerning the securing of juke box locations, the source stated that it was general business practice on behalf of Apex, as well as other operators to enlist the cooperation of bread drivers, towel route men, police officers, fixture houses, etc., in order to secure new juke box locations. It is the general practice, he stated, to pay anyone securing a juke box location sums up to $100.00 or $200.00. T-4 was able to learn that Apex route men are paid a flat salary, plus car expense and commissions of two weeks collection for each juke box location secured. T-4 stated that many of the suburban incorporated areas in Chicago have a license for juke boxes of $500.00 which permits them to place juke boxes in that incorporated area. The source stated that Apex had one such license in Melrose Park and that other operators had exclusive license in Elmwood Park and Franklin Park. T-4 stated that this system pushes out the small operator.

T-4 stated that Apex received leads from time to time through EDDIE VOGEL, of places where handbooks were operating and that while all of these locations were not secured, the majority of them were.

T-4 stated that about two years ago, Apex bought out North Shore Music Company, which was operating in Highland Park.

T-4 further remarked that various juke box operators, including Apex were strong in various areas because of the political associations of the various operators and that Apex in particular was strong in certain areas due to the fact that EDDIE VOGEL in his operations over the past thirty years, has developed many close friends some of whom are involved in politics.

T-4 stated that no amusement games are operates out of Apex and that this was a separate phase of EDDIE VOGEL's operation, which division JULIUS ZIMBEROFF, formerly directed and apparently still does.

Miscellaneous

In the case entitled "FRANK JOHN CERONE, was. ASCERTAINING FINANCIAL ABILITY", Chicago file 93-56, it is reflected that he was a known associate of EDDIE VOGEL in the early 1940s and had secured a $5,000.00 loan from VOGEL. b6 b7C

On January 12, 1956, SA [redacted] made contact in the office of the Apex Cigarette Service, Incorporated, 4238 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at which time the Receptionist advised that Mr. EDWARD VOGEL was not available. She advised she would have Mr. VOGEL call the FBI Office to arrange for an appointment.

On January 12, 1956, Mr. RICHARD E. GORMAN, Attorney, 1 North La Salle, Chicago, Illinois, advised telephonically his client, EDWARD VOGEL, did not want to talk to Bureau agents at any time for any purpose.

On January 13, 1956, Mr. GORMAN related telephonically Mr. VOGEL's purported message that he had not seen the subject, CERONE, for a long time, and knew nothing concerning his finances. Mr. GORMAN stated Mr. VOGEL had nothing further to state concerning the subject. b6 b7C

Recently SA FRANKFURT talked to Detectives [redacted] of the Stolen Auto Detail, Chicago Police Department, at which time they remembered that several years ago a car belonging to EDWARD VOGEL was stolen and was recovered by them. They stated that they called his residence and he refused to talk to them, stating they should deal through his Attorneys Brodkin and Bieber to make arrangements to return VOGEL's car to him and that VOGEL insisted that only one officer bring the car to him and at no time would he talk to the officers.

On October 2, 1953, [redacted] at 188 West Randolph, Chicago, advised SA PAUL D. FRANKFURT that EDDIE VOGEL continues to frequent Postl's Health Club which operates on the 27th floor of the building at this address.

On October 3, 1953, T-7 advised SA PAUL B. FRANKFURT that nothing had come to his attention since last contacted which is pertinent to this investigation.

VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

PCI [redacted] VOGEL for the past [redacted] has been furnishing valuable background information concerning the subject.

[redacted] who sees VOGEL at various times, is being developed as a source.

[redacted] has been associated with VOGEL for [redacted] and has furnished information concerning [redacted] of VOGEL's [redacted]. It is contemplated that future contacts will be made with him in an effort to develop him as a source.

INFORMANTS

T-1 [redacted]

T-2 [redacted]

T-3 [redacted] who furnished information on September 9, 1953, to SAs PAUL B. FRANKFURT and LESTER K. ESAREY.

T-4 [redacted]

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INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-5 [redacted] who furnished this information on September 15, 1953, to Agents of the Los Angeles Office.

T-6 [redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] on August 14, 1953. b6 b7C b7D

T-7 [redacted]

LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will contact [redacted] for any information he may have relative to activities of subject VOGEL.

2. Will maintain contact with [redacted] for any information she may have relative to the subject's activities.

3. Will consider interviewing some of the individuals with whom VOGEL was in contact during February, 1953, while a resident of the Belden Stratford Hotel, in an effort to develop information as to his activities.

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On October 15, 1958, [redacted] Beach Garage, 5939 South Lake Park, advised SAs PAUL B. FRANKFURT and WILLIAM F. ROEMER, JR. that NATHAN "Butch" LADON does not keep his Pontiac in the Beach Garage as he did heretofore, but instead now keeps a 1958 black Cadillac Fleetwood "60" Special, Illinois license number 470148 in the garage. He said that the switch was made approximately October 1, 1958, and that LADON has "washing service" on the car, meaning that he pays $50.00 a month for storage and for a daily wash.

It may be noted that [redacted] has previously been contacted by the writer, and that he furnished information that LADON kept a Pontiac in the garage. It is also noted that the writer has continued investigation at the U.S. Auto Leasing Company and determined that the above mentioned Cadillac is leased by U.S. Auto Leasing to the Lux Cigarette Service, the firm operated by EDDIE VOGEL. This information has previously been reported.

[redacted] advised that he receives a check through the mail in the amount of $50.00 each month from Apex Amusement Company for the storage and washing service which he provides for the car stored by LADON. It is noted that Apex Amusement Company is also owned by EDDIE VOGEL.

In addition, [redacted] advised that within the past two weeks or so, LADON's pattern has changed in that he now takes his car from the garage between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., whereas his former procedure was to take the car before 9:00 a.m. and sometimes before 8:00 a.m.

[redacted] also mentioned that LADON very seldom returns the car before 11:00 p.m. or 12:00 midnight. He said in addition, that occasionally he notices LADON hangs around a "Bridge Club" (card room) at 53rd and Cornell.

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Observation of this location by SAs FRANKFURT and ROEMER on October 15, 1958, determined that LADON's hangout, as mentioned by [redacted] is the Cornell Bridge Club located at 1616 East 53rd Street, and that the awning above this location indicates that "Joe Farris Flowers" is also located there. This card room is located next to Adell Drugs on the corner of 53rd and Cornell.

A surveillance of "Butch" LADON on October 15, 1958, by SAs FRANKFURT and ROEMER determined that LADON entered the Beach Garage at 10:21 a.m. and left at 10:22 a.m. driving the above mentioned Cadillac. At 10:37 a.m. LADON exited from Lake Shore Drive at the Fullerton Street exit. At 10:52 a.m. the above described Cadillac was observed in a parking stall at 320 Oakdale, the residence of EDDIE VOGEL.

At 11:32 a.m. LADON departed from 320 Oakdale, entered the car, and drove around the immediate area of 320 Oakdale, apparently in an effort to dry-clean the area. At 11:36 a.m. LADON returned the car to the parking stall and re-entered 320 Oakdale at 11:55 a.m. LADON left 320 Oakdale in the Cadillac and was not observed again.

It is noted that the above information, and the surveillance, indicates that the information supplied by PCI [redacted] to the effect that "Butch" LADON may again be a chauffeur - bodyguard for EDDIE VOGEL may be true.

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It is noted that LADON for the past several months has been the chauffeur - bodyguard for GUS ALEX, and that it was the above described Cadillac which he used in chauffeuring ALEX.

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TO : SAC (92-345) DATE: 10/28/58

FROM : SA ROBERT W. HEDDEN

SUBJECT: EDWARD JOHN VOGEL
ANTI-RACKETEERING

On 10/3/58 PCI [redacted] (reliable info in past) telephonically advised the writer that [redacted], had told her "BUTCH is back in good now and is going to be a chauffer so we've got to get him a new car".

Informant advised she did not understand above but did not press [redacted] for details. She stated she once met a man named BUTCH while in [redacted] presence, and though she can not recall anything about him she assumes [redacted] was referring to this person.

It is noted that "BUTCH" is probably BUTCH LADON and that the chauffer's position referred to is probably with EDDIE VOGEL.

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TO : SAC [ ]

DATE: 10/27/58

FROM : SA ROBERT W. REDDEN

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

GUS ALEX, ANTI-RACKETEERING	92-373(SA ROEMER)
EDWARD JOHN VOGEL, ANTI-RACKETEERING	92-345(SA FRANKFORT)
[ ]	25-30944(SA DUFFIN)

Purpose and results of contact

[ ] Negative

[X] Positive

See attached memos

[ ] Security informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (87-7967) DATE: 11-19-58

FROM : SA BRADNER C. RIGGS

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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On September 26, 1958, [redacted] was again interviewed by SA BRADNER C. RIGGS and [redacted] in the lobby of the Stevens Building at State and Madison. [redacted] stated that he had heard that HARRY GOLDSTEIN and [redacted] had engaged in discussions about [redacted] during the time that [redacted] stated that he had heard that this discussion revolved around which of these individuals would be the biggest jewel fence in Chicago, now that [redacted] was unable to operate.

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Regarding [redacted] stated that the jewelry shop which [redacted] is merely a front. He said that [redacted] does not do any business there to speak of, and does not expect to. He said that to get a true picture of [redacted] activities it would be necessary to "see what he does after dark." [redacted] stated that [redacted] could

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1 - 87-11571 [redacted]
1 - 87-8603 (HARRY GOLDSTEIN)
1 - 87-11570 [redacted]
1 - 87-11553
1 - 92-345 (ED VOGEL)
1 - 92-677 (JOEY AIUPA)
1 - 87-11543 [redacted]
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very easily "wind up dead" with the type of people he is travelling with. [redacted] stated that he would attempt to make some buys from [redacted] and if he is successful will turn them over to Agents RIGGS and [redacted] for examination. [redacted] pointed out that when [redacted] was doing business in [redacted], he was travelling with some very tough people and stated that when [redacted] was robbed in [redacted] had set up the robberies himself.

[redacted] brought up the matter of the search of his apartment by Bureau agents in August, 1958 (said search having been conducted with [redacted] permission). [redacted] stated that he had no fear of the agents finding anything in his apartment at the time of the search. He added that no "good fence" would keep his jewelry at home, but rather would have vault box facilities in a city away from the city wherein he resided. [redacted] was questioned regarding where he maintained vault facilities and he stated that inasmuch as he is no longer engaged in fencing, he has no further need for such facilities. He indicated that he did not desire to discuss the matter further.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is very close to [redacted] and they were, in fact, in business together at one time. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has in business with him [redacted] whose last name is KORSHAK, who is related to SIDNEY KORSHAK, a prominent Chicago legal and political person. [redacted] stated, however, that as far as he knew, there is no connection between [redacted] and SIDNEY KORSHAK.

[redacted] discussed the burglary of the home of one of the [redacted] which was reported as a $22,000 loss. [redacted] stated that this has to be a faked burglary. He based this opinion upon personal knowledge of the [redacted] He stated that at the present time they are in financial difficulty and can use any money which they can come by. He stated that he has never known the [redacted] to have more than $12,000 in stock at their store, much less at home. He stated further that the [redacted] are not the type to lavish expensive gifts on their wives and stated that he doubts that they have ever given their wives $2,200 worth

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of jewelry, no less $22,000.

[redacted] said that he had heard that [redacted] is sure to be convicted on presently pending charges in [redacted]. He said that the word is that the state of [redacted] is "out to bury him," even if they have to manufacture evidence to do it. He pointed out that [redacted] is under $100,000 bond, which is a higher bond than is likely in a homicide case. He said that [redacted] posted bond for [redacted] at a cost of $7,500 to [redacted].

[redacted] stated in passing that [redacted] also is on the bond for [redacted] on the local [redacted] robbery.

[redacted] was reinterviewed by SAs RIGGS and [redacted] in the lobby of the Stevens Building on October 9, 1958. At that time, [redacted] was questioned regarding any current knowledge he may have of the activities of ED VOGEL. He said that he has not been close to VOGEL for several years and very seldom sees him any more. He said that although he knows that VOGEL no longer is in charge of slot machines in Cook County he does not know the degree of VOGEL's involvement at the present time in the Chicago Crime Syndicate. He stated that he had never heard of JOE PIGNATELLO, who is allegedly VOGEL's chauffeur at the present time. He said that his recollection is that at the time he and VOGEL were friendly, VOGEL's chauffeur was a Jewish man whose name he does not recall. He likewise stated that LOUIS "Potatoes" DADANO is not known to him.

Regarding JOEY AIUPA, [redacted] said that although of course the name is very familiar to him, he has never met the man.

[redacted] said that it had occurred to him that [redacted] jeweler of unsavory reputation, is very close to [redacted]

It was necessary at this point to discontinue the interview because of a previous appointment which [redacted] had.

Man of the Week

CHARLES MASON JOHNSON

Charles Mason Johnson, known to so very many in this industry as "Little Jimmy", is probably the paragon of all nimble wits in the history of this field.

"By a fluke", claims Jimmy, "I became a member of this industry."

Charles Mason Johnson had done just about everything any human could do to earn an honest dollar. He'd driven trucks. Had been a fireman shoveling coal into the engine of a speeding train. A night watchman. And held many other jobs he's since forgotten.

"Then", reminisces Little Jimmy, "I suddenly found myself a cigarette machine service man."

But not even being a cigarette machine service man held down this ambitious little dynamo. While all were away at a Chicago convention one evening, back there in the '30's, Little Jimmy had to take over all service calls. He did such a marvelous job of repairing machines, handling complaints and everything else, that he was quickly advanced right up the ladder.

"And believe me", he says, "I had a boss who threw money around like it was glue."

Back there, in '36, Jimmy helped the late Ray Moloney create "Champion" from "Rocket." All because he heard a player say, when one ball went astray while playing "Rocket", "I sure wish I could buy that ball back again."

When cigarette machines went out of Chicago, Little Jimmy came into his own. He traveled the entire U. S. A. as an independent service and repair wizard. Vince Shay of Mills Novelty recommended Jimmy for dozens of special jobs everywhere in the country.

Then Charles Mason (Little Jimmy) Johnson married. "The sweetest girl in all the world," he says of Carol Elizabeth Johnson. And Carol is the one and only gal who can temper Jimmy's glib wisecracks to eliminate any hurt.

Little Jimmy became, and still is, a very grand family man. "I'm a home boy", he says, "at home in anybody's home." And those who have had him in their homes will admit to the truth of this statement.

Charles Mason Johnson and his Globe Distributing Company has won an enviable reputation for the quality of the merchandise he ships. One day, Jimmy found a firm with a very great product, Downey-Johnson Coin Counters.

"We sold more", Little Jimmy

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Man Of The Week

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boasts, "in our first year than they had sold in 16 years."

Charles Mason (Little Jimmy) Johnson is, to this very day, an integral part of the Downey-Johnson Coin Counter for which he is national distributor.

Little Jimmy has won many great honors. He completely reactivated the U. S. Civil Defense Fire And Rescue Service in the City of Chicago. He has received reams of grand publicity for this outstanding achievement.

He not only made this very great and neglected necessity actually work efficiently, but, he has since obtained six fully equipped ten-ton trucks and the day and night services of an 80-man volunteer crew. Eighty men from all walks of life. Eighty very proud and uniformed men in the service of their country in Chicago. And Little Jimmy is their Chief. "We all get paid in Wilkie buttons," Jimmy cracks.

They wear helmets and uniforms comparable to those of the Chicago Fire Department with whom they are affectionately attached. They have done absolutely marvelous and unforgettable work. They have already proved themselves to be rescue wizards. All because Charles Mason (Little Jimmy) Johnson poured his heart and soul into this great effort.

Nor is this Little Jim's first such effort. He labored like a Trojan in Red Cross Disaster work. Found clothing and shelter for destitute peoples. He was out day and night. Helping build up a grand organization with the Red Cross. He has now built up an even greater organization for Uncle Sam's Civil Defense.

Charles Mason Johnson is very proud of his two gorgeous daughters. One a noted Chicago model. The other an honor student at Mundelein College.

"Would I recommend young men to get into this business?", asked Little Jimmy.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (92-345) DATE: 11/24/58

FROM : SAC, Miami (92-138)

SUBJECT: EDWARD DAVID VOGEL, Was.;
TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM;
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Mr. [redacted], advised SA GEORGE WALKER on November 17, 1958, that [redacted] is still in [redacted] and he does not know exactly when she will return to [redacted] that he will have her contact the FBI Office in Miami upon her return. b6 b7C

Detective Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Bureau, Miami, Florida, PD, advised SA WALKER November 17, 1958, that his Department requested the identification record of subject to be familiar with his arrests and to compile any information they may receive relative to subject. Sergeant [redacted] advised they have no information relative to subject's activities in the Miami area.

VOGEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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